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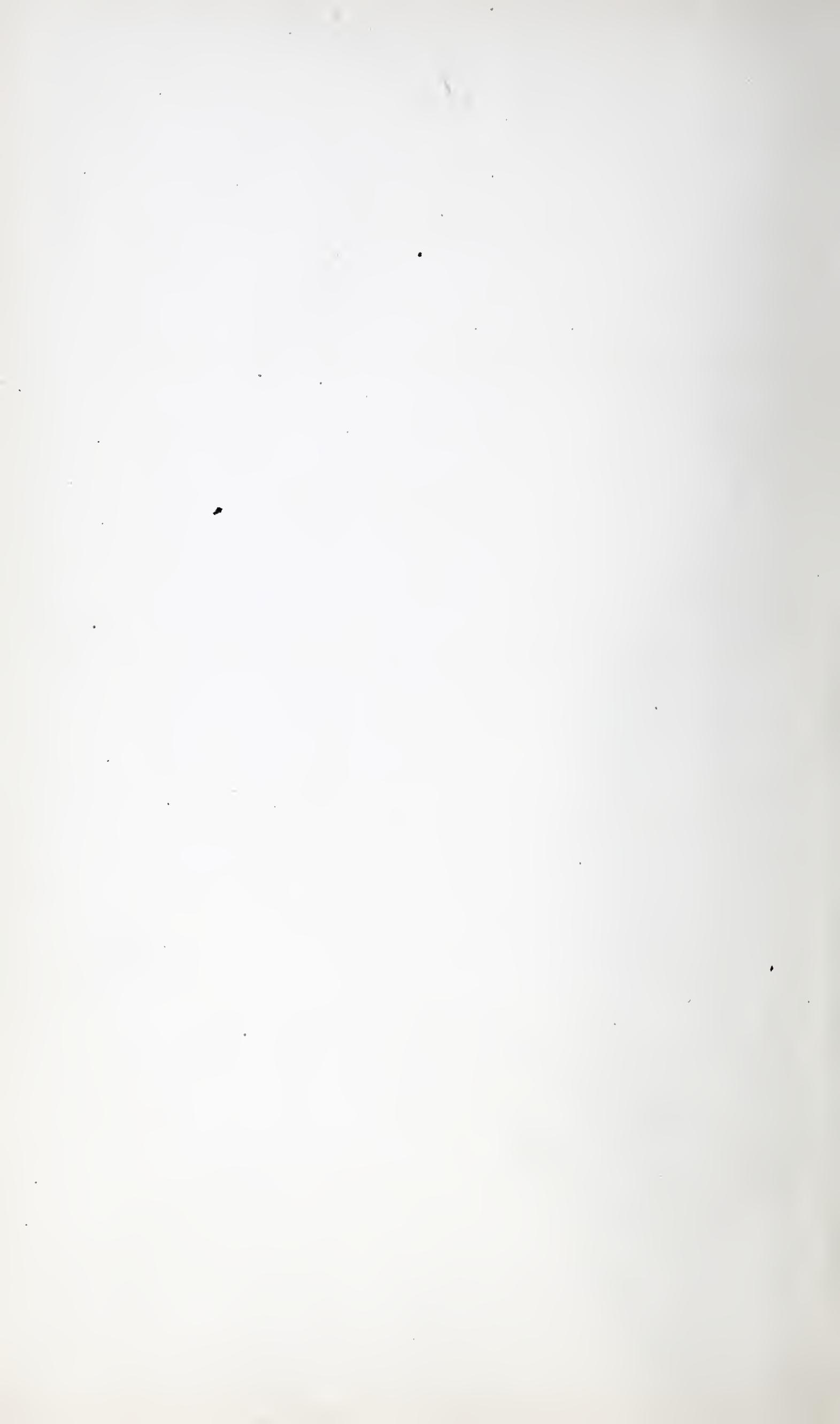




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THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
AND  
MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING  
ALSO THE  
REGULATIONS, ANCIENT CHARGES, CEREMONIES AND FORMS  
REVISED AND ADOPTED BY GRAND CHAPTER  
A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453

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**THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MASONIC  
JURISDICTION THEREUNTO  
BELONGING**

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter held at Philadelphia, December 8th, 1921, it was on motion unanimously

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed, composed of the Elective Grand Officers and such other members of Grand Chapter as the M. E. Grand High Priest may select, to prepare a revision of the Constitution of Grand Chapter and report the same to Grand Chapter.

December 27th, 1921.

Pursuant to the resolution offered at the Quarterly Communication held on December 8th, 1921, the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Committee on Revision of the Constitution:

JOSEPH E. QUINBY,  
JOHN M. CORE,  
GEORGE P. DARROW,  
THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,  
GEORGE B. WELLS,  
DAVID J. DAVIS,  
ROBERT E. UMBEL.

December 6th, 1923.

**SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.**

The report of the Committee was considered by Articles, and a number of changes and amendments were suggested and accepted by the Committee, and it was agreed that, as corrected and amended, the report should be presented at the Quarterly Communication to be held at 2 o'clock P. M. this day for final action.

December 6th, 1923.

The following resolution was adopted:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to adopt the report of the Committee, as amended and corrected at the special communication of Grand Chapter held this day, at 9.30 o'clock A. M., and that the Committee on Revision be given authority to make any necessary corrections in spelling or punctuation which might be discovered, and when so corrected it shall be the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.



OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania  
And Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging

December 27th, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

I certify that the following is a correct copy of the Constitution adopted by Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication held December 6th, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

JOSEPH E. QUINBY  
*Grand Secretary*



## HISTORY OF CONSTITUTION.

In the year 1819, the then Masonic Hall, situated on Chestnut Street, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, was destroyed by fire. Nearly all the old records were consumed or lost.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and of the Royal Arch Lodge No. 3 were accessible. From these a reprint was published in Philadelphia, authorized at a meeting of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, held August 4, A. D. 1870, A. I. 2400.

The report of the Committee appointed to prepare this matter for publication was submitted October 15, A. D. 1870, A. I. 2400.

From this reprint of "Extracts from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging" the earliest authentic mention of a Grand Chapter, spurious though it was, is obtained. On November 23, 1795, a Committee appointed at a meeting of Grand Lodge, held November 17, 1795, reported, among other items, that one "James Molan, not a member of any Lodge under this Jurisdiction, having himself, without assistance, made two persons by the names of Brown and Denys, those three opened what they called a Chapter under the pretended sanction of No. 19's Warrant, used for that purpose without the authority of that Lodge being first obtained." \* \* \* "That several Brethren having been thus pretendedly *arched* by Molan and his associates, \* \* \* and having arched two Brethren, one from Maryland and the other from Georgia, and considering those as having the force of three Lodges under the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and one under that of Georgia, and one under that of Maryland, they resolved themselves into a pretended Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania."

A series of Resolutions condemned this action as spurious, and a series of whereases, the final one

## 2 HISTORY OF CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND HOLY

of which alone is pertinent, declared “*And Whereas*, It is the prevailing wish of the Royal Arch Masons within this Jurisdiction that a Royal Arch *Grand Chapter* should be opened under the authority of this Grand Lodge,

*Be it therefore, and it is hereby resolved*, That a Grand Royal Arch Chapter be opened under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”

This report was unanimously adopted, and the resolutions therein contained were unanimously agreed to.

### BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS MARCH 5, A. D. 1798.

A copy of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter established under the authority of Grand Lodge was received, read and approved. These Rules and Regulations define Ancient Masonry as consisting of four degrees, *viz.*: Apprentice, Fellow Craft and “the sublime degree of Master” and “The Holy Royal Arch.”

On December 28, A. D. 1812, a new set of Rules and Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws, “to examine and report thereon at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.”

The Committee reported January 14, A. D. 1813, recommending that they be approved.

On August 2, A. D. 1823, a Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania tendered for the consideration and adoption of the Grand Lodge a Constitution as adopted by the said Grand Chapter on the twenty-third of June, 1823.

### CONSTITUTION JANUARY 5, A. D. 1824.

The first Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, agreed to by the Committee of Conference and adopted by the Grand Holy

Royal Arch Chapter, June, A. D. 1823, was received and read in Grand Lodge, and on motion was amended, and as amended was adopted.

A note in the reprint of these "Extracts" says, "The foregoing is all that is contained in the Records of the Grand Lodge having reference to Royal Arch Masonry and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania."

The Constitution of 1824 consists of but seven Articles. In addition to these seven Articles there follow the Rules and Regulations, adopted July 16, A. D. 1824. These Rules and Regulations were again considered December 23, A. D. 1828, and as amended were adopted.

#### CONSTITUTION FEBRUARY 16, A. D. 1852.

Article I of the Constitution was amended February 16, 1852.

Pursuant to a Resolution adopted November 19, 1855, that "the alterations and amendments of the Constitution or the passage of any standing resolution or any rules, regulations or order, be collected and arranged by the Grand Secretary, and after examination by the Grand Officers be printed and bound—say five hundred copies—for the use of the members of the Grand and subordinate Chapters."

On October 19, 1863, "a revision of the Constitution was read, and, with sundry amendments, was approved and adopted as far as Article XIV inclusive, when the Grand Chapter was closed until November 2, 1863."

#### CONSTITUTION NOVEMBER 2, A. D. 1863.

On November 2, 1863, "the consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution, etc., was resumed, and, after sundry amendments, was adopted."

At a meeting of the Grand Chapter held December 28, 1863, "on motion of Companion S. C. Per-

kins, the resolution that the Constitution go into effect on and after St. John's Day, 1863, was reconsidered, and the motion to amend that with the exception of the First Article it go into effect on and after St. John's Day, 1863, and that Article First shall not go into effect until St. John's Day, 1864, was adopted."

#### CONSTITUTION DECEMBER 28, A. D. 1871.

At the Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania held November 3, 1870, A. I. 2400, a committee of five was appointed to revise the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. This Committee reported May 4, 1871, and at the Quarterly Grand Communication, November 2, 1871, A. I. 2401, and continued the following day, the report was read and adopted by Articles and Sections, to go into effect December 28, A. D. 1871, A. I. 2401.

On March 2, 1882, a Committee of nine members of the Grand Chapter was appointed to revise and amend the Constitution. This Committee performed its task, and at the Quarterly Communication held March 8, 1883, the amended Constitution was unanimously adopted.

#### CONSTITUTION JUNE 24, 1883.

This constituted the revision of June 24, 1883, copies of which may be found in the Library of the Grand Lodge. A so-called supplement to the Constitution then in force was issued in 1892, containing the decisions of Past Grand High Priests, and in 1893 an edition of the Constitution, Forms and Ceremonies of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was published containing the supplement, amendments and decisions.

At a Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, held March 5, 1896, A. I. 2426, a Committee of five, to act in conjunction with the elective Grand Officers,

was appointed "to revise and amend the Constitution." At the Quarterly Communication held December 3, 1896, the Constitution, as reported by this Committee, was unanimously adopted, to go into effect on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1897.

At a Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter held June 4, A. D. 1908, A. I. 2438, a Committee of five, to act in conjunction with the elective Grand Officers, was appointed "to revise and amend the Constitution and submit their report to the Grand Chapter for action."

At a Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter held December 7, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, the proposed Amendments to the Constitution offered by the Committee appointed to amend and revise it were considered and adopted.

At a Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter held December 8, A. D. 1921, A. I. 2451, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that a Committee be appointed composed of the elective Grand Officers and such other members of Grand Chapter as the M. E. Grand High Priest may select to prepare a revision of the Constitution of Grand Chapter."

At a Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter held December 6, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to adopt the report of the Committee as amended and corrected at the Special Communication of Grand Chapter held that day at 9.30 A. M., and that the Committee on Revision be given authority to make any necessary corrections in spelling or punctuation which might be discovered, and when so corrected it shall be the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

## WORK.

The following is an abstract from the address of SAMUEL C. PERKINS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, delivered at the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Constitution of Grand Chapter held at Philadelphia, November 23, 1895:

“Some years ago it was my pleasure to visit the Grand Chapter of England at one of its Quarterly Communications. Their work, as it was then presented to me, differed somewhat from the work of Pennsylvania, but when I mentioned the differences they acknowledged that ours was the ancient work, which had formerly been practiced until an advance, if it may be so called, had been made, and in the course of time changes had been introduced; but they admitted that our work, as I was pleased to exemplify it to them in all the details, was the ancient work as it had been formerly understood and practiced by the Craft in England. That work has been preserved by the care of this Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania unimproved upon and without any modern innovations.”

THE CONSTITUTION  
OF  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

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ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

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*In Freemasonry what is not permitted is prohibited.*

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## ARTICLE I.

### TITLE OF GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. The official title of Grand Chapter is: The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

Title of Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE II.

### POWER AND AUTHORITY OF GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. Grand Chapter is the only true and legitimate source of authority over Capitular Masonry within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging. It is supreme and sovereign. It makes the law for its constituents and the members of the Fraternity under its Jurisdiction, and is governed by no law other than the Landmarks of Freemasonry. It grants

Power and Authority of Grand Chapter.

warrants for Royal Arch Chapters and duly constitutes them. Subordinate Chapters are constituted and work by virtue of these warrants. Grand Chapter has the power to enact laws and regulations for the government of Capitular Masonry, and to alter and repeal such laws and regulations; but it cannot change, alter, or destroy the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry. It has the inherent power to investigate and determine all matters relating to Capitular Masonry in general, to particular Chapters, and to individual Companions, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called in question.

### ARTICLE III.

#### CONSTITUENTS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

Who Constitute Grand Chapter.

SECTION 1. Grand Chapter is composed of:

I. The Grand Officers and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests.

II. The Most Excellent High Priests, Kings and Scribes of Subordinate Chapters.

III. Most Excellent Past High Priests of one full year's service in this Jurisdiction, who are members of Chapters, lawfully warranted and duly constituted by Grand Chapter, and under its Jurisdiction.

IV. The members of Grand Chapter at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, who are such by virtue of their being Past Masters by election, and holding membership in a subordinate Chapter, according to the provisions of the Constitution in force prior to December 27, 1871.

V. Past High Priests of one full year's service in other Jurisdictions, who were permanent members of the Grand Chapter of said Jurisdiction and who have had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon them, and who have become members of lawfully warranted and duly constituted Chapters under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, who are approved by a majority of the members present at any Quarterly Communication of this Grand Chapter, after having been duly recommended by two members at a previous Quarterly Communication and due notice having been given to all members of Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. Every member of Grand Chapter must be a member of a subordinate Chapter, except Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, all of whom shall be members of Grand Chapter for life.

Must be Members of Sub-ordinate Chapters.

## ARTICLE IV.

### COMMUNICATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. Grand Chapter shall hold Quarterly Communications on the Thursday following the first Wednesday in March, June, September and December, and an Annual Grand Communication on St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year, provided that when that day shall fall on Sunday it shall be on the following day. It may also meet in Special or Extra Communications by order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Communications of Grand Chapter.

Time of  
Meeting of  
Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. The Communications of Grand Chapter shall begin at seven o'clock in the evening, except the Quarterly Communication in December, which shall begin at two o'clock in the afternoon.

## ARTICLE V.

### OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

Grand Officers.

SECTION 1. The Grand Officers and their official titles are: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, all of whom shall be Most Excellent Past High Priests of one full year's service. Past Grand High Priests are entitled Most Excellent.

Appointive  
Officers of  
Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. The Officers appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest are: Grand Chaplains, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Vail, Grand Master of the Second Vail, Grand Master of the First Vail, Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler, all of whom, except Grand Chaplains, must be Most Excellent Past High Priests.

Grand Officers  
Installed  
Annually.

SEC. 3. The Grand Officers shall be installed in their respective stations annually; if practicable, on St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding their election. When that day falls on Sunday the installation shall take place on the following day. The other Officers

shall be appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest after his installation.

SEC. 4. On the death, disability or removal from the Jurisdiction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, or the Most Excellent Grand King, or both, the vacancy or vacancies so created shall be filled for the remainder of the current term by the advancement of the Most Excellent Grand King and the Most Excellent Grand Scribe, respectively; and the vacancy or vacancies so created or a vacancy created by the death, disability or removal from the Jurisdiction of the Most Excellent Grand Scribe shall be filled by the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests available in the order of juniority.

SEC. 5. On the death, disability or removal from the Jurisdiction of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer or the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall fill the vacancy by appointment during such absence or disability.

SEC. 6. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall be installed by the next preceding Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest who may be present, assisted by a sufficient number of Most Excellent Past High Priests.

Vacancy in  
Office of Grand  
High Priest,  
Grand King, or  
Grand Scribe.

Vacancy in  
Office of Grand  
Treasurer and  
Grand Secre-  
tary.

Grand Officers  
to be Installed.

## ARTICLE VI.

### ELECTION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Officers shall be elected annually by ballot at the Quarterly Communication next preceding St. John the

Election of  
Grand Officers.

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Evangelist's Day. A majority of the whole number of votes cast shall be necessary for an election. If on the first ballot there is no election, a second ballot shall be had. If on the second ballot there is no election, a third ballot shall be had, which shall be confined to the two highest of those voted for, or, when such instance occurs, to the one who has a plurality, and the other two or more next highest on the return who shall have an equal number of votes. If on the third ballot there is no election, the balloting shall continue, under the regulations governing the third ballot, until one of the Companions voted for shall receive a majority of all the votes cast.

SEC. 2. The Grand Officers shall continue in office until their successors, respectively, have been duly elected and installed.

## ARTICLE VII.

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest belongs the general supervision and government of Capitular Masonry, consisting of the Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Masons' degrees, and for these purposes he is empowered:

To appoint District Deputy Grand High Priests, the Officers of Grand Chapter, three Trustees, all standing committees and all special committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for;

To preside in Grand Chapter, and in all subordinate Chapters;

**Grand Officers Continue Until Successors Are Installed.**

**Power of Grand High Priest.**

**Appoint District Deputies, Officers, Etc.**

**To Preside.**

- To appoint and commission Companions to represent him near other Grand Chapters; To Appoint Representatives.
- To have and use a seal to attest his official acts; To Have a Seal.
- To issue edicts regulating the action of Chapters or for the government of the same, their officers and members; To Issue Edicts.
- To confer or cause to be conferred in his presence, in Grand Chapter or in any subordinate Chapter, any or all the degrees of Capitular Masonry; To Confer Degrees in His Presence.
- To grant or authorize to be granted, dispensations for conferring the degrees of Capitular Masonry; To Grant Dispensations.
- To issue such dispensations under his own seal, attested by the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, as are not prohibited by the Constitution or the ancient usages of the Royal Craft; To Issue Dispensations.
- To constitute Royal Arch Chapters and install the officers thereof in person, or by deputy duly authorized; To Constitute Chapters.
- To command at any time the presence of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, or any Officer or Committee of Grand Chapter, with his or their books, papers and accounts; To Command the Presence of Any Officer or Committee.
- To summon any of the Officers of a Chapter to attend him and produce its warrant, books, documents and accounts; To Summon Officers of Subordinate Chapters.
- To sequestrate the warrant and suspend the labors of any Chapter or to suspend from office any officer of a Chapter, subject to the decision of Grand Chapter at its next Quarterly Communication, to which he shall report To Sequestrate Warrants.

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his action, with the reasons therefor and a detailed statement of the facts.

Supreme in  
Capitular  
Masonry.

SEC. 2. He is supreme in all matters concerning Capitular Masonry, except when Grand Chapter limits his power by its Constitution.

Chairman of  
All Commit-  
tees.

To Have Cast-  
ing Vote,  
Except in  
Elections.

To Visit Chap-  
ters, Special  
Communica-  
tions.

SEC. 3. He shall be, ex officio, Chairman of any Committee whose meetings he may attend.

SEC. 4. He shall have a casting vote, in addition to his own, on all questions before Grand Chapter when the votes of the members are equally divided, except in the election of Grand Officers.

SEC. 5. It shall be his duty to visit the Chapters within the Jurisdiction as often as may be practicable, and call special Communications of Grand Chapter at such times and places as he may deem necessary, requiring the officers and members of the neighboring Chapters to be present thereat.

### GRAND KING AND GRAND SCRIBE.

Duties of  
Grand King  
and Grand  
Scribe.

SEC. 6. It is the duty of the Most Excellent Grand King and the Most Excellent Grand Scribe to aid the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in conducting the business of Grand Chapter and in the supervision of Capitular Masonry.

### GRAND TREASURER.

Duties of  
Grand Treas-  
urer.

SEC. 7. The Most Excellent Grand Treasurer shall have the custody of the uninvested funds of Grand Chapter, and he shall pay out

the same only by authority of Grand Chapter, on orders signed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, attested by the Most Excellent Grand Secretary. He shall keep a true and correct account of his receipts and disbursements, to be submitted to the Committee on Finance whenever requested.

Before entering upon his duties the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer shall give a corporate bond to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand King and Most Excellent Grand Scribe for the time being, in such penal sum as the Grand Officers may determine, to be approved by them, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. The expense of said bond to be paid by Grand Chapter.

**Grand Treasurer to Give Bond.**

#### GRAND SECRETARY.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary:

To record minutes of such proceedings of Grand Chapter as are proper to be committed to writing;

**To Record Minutes.**

To preserve the archives, records and seal of Grand Chapter;

**Preserve Archives.**

To collect and receive all moneys for or on account of Grand Chapter, give proper credits therefor, and pay the same to the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer forthwith, taking his receipt therefor;

**Collect and Pay Over Money.**

To issue summonses, orders and notices, by direction of Grand Chapter or the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, under the seal of Grand Chapter, and attest the same.

**Issue Summons.**

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Keep Grand  
Chapter  
Accounts.

Grand Secre-  
tary to Give  
Bond.

State to be  
Divided Into  
Districts.

Grand Chap-  
lains.

SEC. 9. He shall keep the accounts of Grand Chapter in such manner that the state of them may at any time be ascertained, and shall submit the same to the inspection of Grand Chapter, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest or the Committee on Finance whenever requested, and perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

SEC. 10. Before entering upon the duties of his office the Most Excellent Grand Secretary shall give a corporate bond to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand King and Most Excellent Grand Scribe for the time being, in such penal sum as the Grand Officers may determine, to be approved by them, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. The expense of said bond to be paid by Grand Chapter.

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

SEC. 11. The Masonic Jurisdiction of Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, be divided by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest into districts, for each of which a District Deputy Grand High Priest shall be appointed, each of whom shall a Most Excellent Past High Priest.

### GRAND CHAPLAINS.

SEC. 12. There shall be as many Grand Chaplains as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest may deem necessary. It shall be their duty to attend Grand Chapter at its Annual Grand, Quarterly and other Communications, there to offer up to the Great Architect of the

Universe the prayers of the Companions, invoke His blessing upon their labors and assist in the necessary rites and ceremonies on Masonic occasions.

### OTHER APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. The other appointed officers of Grand Chapter shall attend the Communications of Grand Chapter, take their respective places therein and perform the duties thereof required by the regulations and traditions of the Fraternity.

Appointed  
Officers to  
Attend  
Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### TRUSTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. Three Trustees and the following Committees shall be appointed annually by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest after his installation, viz.: Trustees and Committees.

1. Committee on Jurisprudence.
2. Committee on Appeals.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on By-Laws.
5. Committee on Correspondence.
6. Committee on Charity.
7. Committee on Printing and Publishing.

### TRUSTEES.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to invest such funds as may be placed in their hands from time to time by Grand Chapter for that purpose, in their names, as "Trustees of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania"; and to alter and change the

Duties of  
Trustees.

character of such investments from time to time, provided that every investment in mortgage or ground rent shall be accompanied by a policy of fire insurance covering the period for which the investment is made, and also by a policy of title insurance.

They shall have charge of all securities and investments of Grand Chapter, collect the income, interest and dividends thereof, and pay the same over to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary immediately after the same shall have been collected, taking his receipt therefor.

They shall make a full report to Grand Chapter annually at the Quarterly Communication in December of all their transactions, with a list of all securities held by Grand Chapter and a statement of the condition of the investments.

#### COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, to which shall be referred all questions touching the Ancient Landmarks, Customs and Usages of Capitular Masonry and the Constitution of Grand Chapter, and they shall report thereon to Grand Chapter.

#### COMMITTEE ON APPEALS

Committee on Appeals.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Appeals shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred all appeals to Grand Chapter.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, whose duty shall be to report quarterly receipts and disbursements, the debts due to and by Grand Chapter and such other matters as may be necessary to a correct view of its finances, and in addition thereto, at the Quarterly Communication in December, submit an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements for the ensuing year.

Committee on  
Finance.

### COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

SEC. 6. The Committee on By-Laws shall consist of five members, to which shall be referred all proposed by-laws of Chapters, or amendments thereto, submitted for the approval of Grand Chapter. It shall carefully examine such by-laws or amendments, expunge therefrom all provisions which contravene the established Usages and Customs of Freemasonry or the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of Grand Chapter, and report thereon to Grand Chapter.

Committee on  
By-laws.

SEC. 7. When any proposed by-laws or amendments have been rejected by the Committee on By-laws, the same shall be returned to the Chapter, which shall have the right to withdraw the proposed by-laws or amendment or appeal to Grand Chapter.

Chapters May  
Withdraw  
By-laws or  
Appeal.

### COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SEC. 8. The Committee on Correspondence shall consist of five members, to which shall be referred all printed proceedings addressed to Grand Chapter from other Grand Chapters

Committee on  
Correspond-  
ence.

and Masonic bodies, and such other subjects requiring special consideration as Grand Chapter may deem proper to submit to it. It shall review such proceedings and select therefrom such matter as it may deem desirable for publication. It shall report to Grand Chapter at the Annual Grand Communication.

#### COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

**Committee on  
Charity.**

SEC. 9. The Committee on Charity shall consist of five members, which shall dispense charity from time to time under the direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

#### COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

**Committee on  
Printing.**

SEC. 10. The Committee on Printing and Publishing shall consist of five members, which shall have the ordering and control of all printing referred to it for or on account of Grand Chapter, and shall report its proceedings to Grand Chapter.

### ARTICLE IX.

#### PROCEEDINGS IN GRAND CHAPTER.

**Opening Grand  
Chapter.**

SECTION 1. When the Most Excellent Grand High Priest opens Grand Chapter, it is in ample form; when it is opened by the Most Excellent Grand King or the Most Excellent Grand Scribe it is in due form; when opened by a Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest or other Companion, it is in form only.

**Three Chapters  
Must be Rep-  
resented.**

SEC. 2. Three Chapters must be represented before Grand Chapter can be opened.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest whoever wears his jewel and occupies his station is to be addressed and regarded for the time as Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Acting Grand  
High Priest.

SEC. 4. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest may dispense with the order of business, or arrange it as he deems for the best interest of Grand Chapter.

May Dispense  
With Order of  
Business.

SEC. 5. On all questions before Grand Chapter when a vote by Chapters is requested by the Representatives of six Chapters, and in the election of Grand Officers, each Representative shall be entitled to cast one vote for each member of his Chapter in good standing who is a member of Grand Chapter and who is not present (or who being present does not wish to vote).

Vote by Rep-  
resentatives.

SEC. 6. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest decides all questions of order, and no appeal from his decision can be taken. The stroke of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Sceptre commands order, when all the Companions must be seated and silence observed.

Questions of  
Order.

SEC. 7. All propositions to determine questions of finance, in which subordinate Chapters have an interest affecting their revenue, or involving contribution of their funds, shall be acted upon only at the Quarterly Communication in December.

Questions of  
Finance Deter-  
mined in  
December.

SEC. 8. A Chapter when duly assembled may, by vote of a majority of the members

Instructing  
Representative.

present, instruct its Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe and Representative in his representative capacity, on any subject to be considered in Grand Chapter, and such instructions, recorded on the minutes of the Chapter, shall be binding upon such officers and Representative, except that any Most Excellent Past High Priest may direct the Representative to vote specially for him.

**Chapter That  
Has Not Paid  
Dues Not  
Permitted  
to Vote.**

SEC. 9. The officers and Most Excellent Past High Priests of any Chapter which shall not have fully paid its dues to Grand Chapter on or before March first, for the previous Masonic year, shall not be permitted to vote therein, either personally or by Representative, until all arrearages shall have been paid in full.

**Anyone Sum-  
moned to  
Grand Chapter  
Must Attend.**

SEC. 10. If any Mark Master, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason, summoned to attend Grand Chapter, or any Committee thereof, does not comply, or give a sufficient and satisfactory reason for his non-compliance, the summons is to be repeated, and if he continues contumacious, he shall upon conviction be expelled from the benefits of Capitular Masonry.

## ARTICLE X.

### REVENUE OF GRAND CHAPTER.

**Revenue of  
Grand Chapter.**

SECTION 1. The revenue of Grand Chapter shall be derived from:

Warrants for new Chapters, each.	\$200.00
Conferring the degree of Mark	
Master Mason on each Brother.	2.00

Annual dues for each member of a Chapter .....	.50
Annual dues for each member of a Mark Lodge .....	\$ .20
Dispensations for special elec- tion, each .....	5.00
Other dispensations, each .....	5.00
Grand Chapter certificates, each.	2.00

Annual dues shall be paid upon each Companion or Brother who is a member on St. John the Evangelist's Day (December 27), except Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests.

## ARTICLE XI.

### GRAND CHAPTER CERTIFICATES.

SECTION 1. A Grand Chapter Certificate shall be granted to any Companion producing to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary a certificate of his good Masonic standing in the Chapter of which he is a member, signed by the Most Excellent High Priest, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary and accompanied by the prescribed fee. A Grand Chapter certificate is given under the seal of Grand Chapter, with the signatures of the Grand Officers. The Companion to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name in full in the margin thereof. All certificates shall be printed in the English Language.

Grand Chapter  
Certificates,  
How Granted.

## ARTICLE XII.

### SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every Royal Arch Chapter within this Jurisdiction shall work under a warrant from this Grand Chapter and be

Every Chapter  
to Work Under  
a Warrant.

subject to its authority. The precedence of a Chapter shall be determined by the date of its warrant as recorded on the minutes of Grand Chapter.

**Granting  
Warrants.**

SEC. 2. A warrant may be granted by Grand Chapter, when deemed expedient, on the petition of at least twenty-five Royal Arch Masons, on the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand High Priest and of at least three Royal Arch Masons, members of a Chapter within this Jurisdiction. But no warrant shall be granted for a Chapter within nine miles of the place mentioned in the warrant of an existing Chapter, without the consent of such Chapter, given under seal, except under special circumstances. The petition must be accompanied by certificates from the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioners belong or have last belonged, together with copies of the Marks of the petitioners and other satisfactory evidence of good Masonic standing. No new Chapter shall be named after any living person, nor bear the same name as that of any existing Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Upon the granting of the warrant, and the constitution of the new Chapter, the membership of all petitioners for said warrant present at the constitution and becoming members of the new Chapter, shall automatically cease in any other Chapter; provided that no petitioner shall be permitted to become a member of a new Chapter unless all dues to the Chapter of which he was last a

member shall have been paid up to, and including the date of said constitution.\*

SEC. 4. Every Chapter must be lawfully warranted and duly constituted by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, by the Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, District Deputy Grand High Priest or a Past High Priest duly authorized by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. No Chapter shall be constituted until the Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall be satisfied that the new Chapter is fully prepared to do all the work of Capitular Masonry.

SEC. 5. The officers of Subordinate Chapters are:

Most Excellent High Priest,  
 King,  
 Scribe,  
 Treasurer,  
 Secretary,  
 Chaplain,  
 Captain of the Host,  
 Principal Sojourner,  
 Royal Arch Captain,  
 Master of the Third Vail,  
 Master of the Second Vail,  
 Master of the First Vail,  
 Senior Master of Ceremonies,  
 Junior Master of Ceremonies,  
 Guide,  
 Pursuivant,  
 Tyler,  
 Two or more Stewards,

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\*See Article XIII, Section 5, for manner of member obtaining certificate to become petitioner for warrant for new Chapter.

By Whom  
Chapter is  
Constituted.

Officers of  
Chapter.

all of whom shall be residents of this Jurisdiction.

**Officers  
Named in the  
Warrant.**

SEC. 6. The Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of every new Chapter shall be named in the petition for a warrant, and shall be designated in the warrant of such Chapter. The Treasurer and Secretary shall be chosen before the Chapter is constituted. The other officers shall be appointed by the Most Excellent High Priest after his installation.

**When Officers  
Are Elected.**

SEC. 7. At the stated meeting of the Chapter next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year, the Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary, all of whom shall be residents of this Jurisdiction, shall be elected by ballot.\* The election shall be conducted in the same manner as elections are conducted in Grand Chapter and according to the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers. The Most Excellent High Priest, to become a permanent member of Grand Chapter, must be installed on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day and serve the full Masonic year. The King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary are, if practicable, to be installed at the same time.

**Elected Offi-  
cers Must be  
Installed.**

SEC. 8. No elected officer shall enter upon his duties until he has been installed, and officers shall continue in office until their successors are duly qualified. If re-elected they must be installed annually. The installation of the Most Excellent High Priest shall in-

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\*For election of Representative see Sec. 11.

clude the conferring of the order of High Priesthood.

SEC. 9. In case of the death of the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe, or their removal from this Jurisdiction, or in default of an election at the time prescribed therefor, and in case of the death of both the King and Scribe, or of the Scribe, Treasurer or Secretary, default of an election, refusal to be installed, removal from this Jurisdiction or suspension from office, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest may, by dispensation, permit a special election to be held to fill any such vacancy or vacancies until the next annual election.

SEC. 10. No Companion shall be elected Most Excellent High Priest of a Chapter, unless he has been elected and served as King or Scribe of a Chapter within this Jurisdiction, except in an extraordinary case, in which the Most Excellent Grand High Priest may issue a dispensation authorizing such election. At the formation of a new Chapter, when no Past High Priest, or one who has served as King or Scribe, who is willing and qualified to act as the Most Excellent High Priest, is found among the petitioners, any one of said petitioners may be chosen Most Excellent High Priest.

SEC. 11. Each Chapter shall, at the time at which its officers are elected, elect as its Representative in Grand Chapter a Most Excellent Past High Priest who is a resident of this Jurisdiction. The certificate of his

Election to Fill Vacancies.

Qualification for Election as High Priest.

Representatives in Grand Chapter.

election shall be signed by the Most Excellent High Priest, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary; and a duplicate thereof shall be sent to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary at least six days before the Communication of Grand Chapter at which it is proposed to use the same, unless said Representative shall have been elected within said six days, in which case the duplicate certificate of his election shall be sent to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary immediately.

Vacancy in  
Representa-  
tive.

SEC. 12. If, by the death of a Representative, his removal from the Jurisdiction, or his resignation, a vacancy occurs, a successor may be elected at any stated, special or extra meeting; provided, that previous notice of such proposed election shall have been sent to all the members of the Chapter.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF CHAPTERS.

SEC. 13. A Chapter must assemble for labor at least once in every month, except that the stated meetings in the months of July and August may be omitted by vote of the Chapter. The hour for meeting shall be fixed by the by-laws of the Chapter.

SEC. 14. Should circumstances at any time render the place of meeting of a Chapter impossible, impracticable or improper, the Most Excellent High Priest may convene the Chapter at some other place within the limits named in the Warrant.

Place of  
Meeting.

Motion to  
Change Place  
of Meeting.

SEC. 15. When a motion is made to change the place of meeting of a Chapter, and is

seconded by two members, a summons, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, shall be sent to every member, stating the proposition for removal, and assigning a time for acting upon it; such summons shall be issued at least ten days before the meeting, and upon such special call no other business than that designated shall be entered upon. A vote of two-thirds of the members present, and the approval of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, shall be necessary to authorize such removal. If it is decided in favor of removal, immediate notice shall be given to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary of the place to which the Chapter has been removed.

SEC. 16. Elections shall be held and all business acted upon in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, excepting only such business or work as shall strictly belong to a Most Excellent or Mark Master Masons' Lodge.

All Business  
to be Trans-  
acted in  
Chapter.

SEC. 17. Each Chapter shall adopt a code of by-laws for its government, which must be submitted to Grand Chapter for its approval. The by-laws become operative when approved by Grand Chapter. The same procedure shall be followed in cases of amendments to by-laws. When any code of by-laws or amendment thereto has been approved, a copy of the same shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Chapter to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to be deposited in the archives of Grand Chapter.

Adoption of  
By-laws.

SEC. 18. A Committee of three members of the Chapter, none of whom shall be elective officers, shall be appointed at the stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year, to audit the accounts and records of the Chapter and report in form prescribed at the next stated meeting. Copies of said report shall be sent by the Secretary of the Chapter to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

SEC. 19. Every Chapter shall, on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year, transmit to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary a general return\* of all degrees conferred, admissions, deaths, rejections, resignations, suspensions and expulsions, with the reasons for the suspensions or expulsions; a list of suspended and expelled members who have been restored to membership by the Chapter, or by Grand Chapter, together with a return of the election of officers of the Chapter and of Representative in Grand Chapter. Every Chapter failing to make such return on or before the tenth day of January following shall be immediately notified thereof by the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, and if such return is not received by him within one month from the date of the notice, the warrant of the defaulting Chapter is, *ipso facto*, suspended. Warrants of all Chapters suspended for delinquency as to returns are, on the receipt of such returns, *ipso facto*, revived.

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\*For monthly returns see Art. XIV, Sec. 7.

SEC. 20. If dues and charges of any Chapter to Grand Chapter for the preceding year remain unpaid on the tenth day of February, it shall be immediately notified thereof by the Most Excellent Grand Secretary; and, if all arrearages are not paid by the tenth day of the following April, its Warrant is *ipso facto*, suspended; and unless cause is shown to the contrary at the next Quarterly Communication it shall be vacated.

SEC. 21. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest may sequester the warrant of a Chapter for:

- (a) Violation of the Landmarks;
- (b) For not assembling during six months;
- (c) For the death or resignation of its members;
- (d) For un-Masonic conduct, or for such act or acts of insubordination as tend to destroy the peace and harmony of the Craft.

He shall report his action to the next Communication of Grand Chapter, with his reasons therefor. Grand Chapter may vacate the warrant, but such action cannot be taken until the Chapter has been duly warned of its offence, and has been summoned to answer the charge made against it.

SEC. 22. During the suspension or sequestration of the warrant of a Chapter, neither its officers, members nor Representative can sit in Grand Chapter nor visit any subordinate Chapter.

Chapters  
Delinquent  
in Dues.

Sequestration  
of Warrant.

Members of  
Suspended  
Chapters.

Dissolved  
Chapter's  
Property and  
Membership.

SEC. 23. When a Chapter is dissolved, it is the duty of its last Most Excellent High Priest, Treasurer and Secretary to surrender to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary forthwith its warrant, seal, books, papers, jewels, furniture, clothing, funds and all other property; and the last presiding officer shall forthwith transmit to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary an inventory thereof, and be responsible for the execution of this section. No Companion of such Chapter shall be admitted into any other Chapter, or entitled to the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry, until he has paid to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary all arrears due by him to such Chapter or had the same remitted by Grand Chapter, and obtained a certificate thereof, which he must present with his petition for membership, together with a copy of his Mark; provided, that this shall not apply to a member of any Chapter which may be dissolved for un-Masonic conduct; in which case the Companion must be restored by a vote of Grand Chapter before he can obtain such certificate.

Every Chapter  
Must Have  
Seal.

SEC. 24. Every Chapter shall have a seal, to be affixed to its certificates and other documents issued by it. An impression from such seal shall be sent to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, and notice given him of any change thereof, with an impression from the substitute.

Publishing and  
Printing  
Prohibited.

SEC. 25. No Chapter or Companion is permitted to print or publish, or cause to be

printed or published, the whole, or any part of the proceedings of any Chapter, nor any work or discourse relative to Royal Arch Masonry, without having previously obtained the consent of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

SEC. 26. A Chapter cannot delegate to another the advancement of any Mason; nor can a Chapter advance any but its own members; nor can any Chapter give its consent to a Chapter out of this Jurisdiction to receive a petition from or confer a degree upon a resident of this Jurisdiction; provided that this shall not limit the power of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

SEC. 27. The fees for conferring degrees and for admissions to membership are such as each Chapter may provide in its By-Laws, but they shall not be less than—

For the Mark Masters', Most Excellent Masters' and Royal Arch degrees, each ..... \$10.00

A Mark Lodge shall not confer the Mark Master Masons' degree for a less sum than ten dollars. The fees for all degrees petitioned for shall be paid before any degree is conferred.

SEC. 28. The annual dues of members of subordinate Chapters shall not be less than four dollars.

SEC. 29. No Chapter shall confer the privileges of life membership for a less sum than one hundred dollars, except as herein provided.

**Chapters Can-not Delegate Advancement to Another Chapter.**

**Fees for Membership and Degrees.**

**Annual Dues.**

**Life Member-ship \$100.**

Paid Dues  
for Twenty  
Years, \$30.

Life Member-  
ship for  
Meritorious  
Service.

When a member has paid full annual dues for twenty years he may be made a life member upon the payment of not less than thirty dollars, if the by-laws so provide.

A Chapter, as an acknowledgment of meritorious service of a member who has served for at least one term as its Most Excellent High Priest, may grant the privilege of life membership without the payment of any fee, if provided for in the by-laws; but the motion therefor shall be made in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and upon being seconded, shall be read and entered upon the minutes, and shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if such motion shall receive a two-thirds vote in the affirmative, it shall be adopted. The members shall be notified of the pendency of such motion.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### CHAPTER CERTIFICATES.

Certificate to  
be Granted.

SECTION 1. A Chapter Certificate shall be granted to a Companion whose resignation has been accepted by his Chapter. Such Certificate must be signed by the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary. The Companion to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name in full in the margin thereof.

Chapter Cer-  
tificate to One  
Restored to  
Good Masonic  
Standing.

SEC. 2. A Chapter Certificate shall be granted to a Companion who, after suspension or expulsion, has been restored to good Masonic standing, stating that the Companion

has ceased to be a member of the Chapter and is in good Masonic standing. Such certificate must be signed by the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary. The Companion to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name in full in the margin thereof.

SEC. 3. Chapter Certificates shall be given to members in good standing on request by the officers of the Chapter without any action by the Chapter thereon, and without any charge therefor. No Charge for Certificate.

SEC. 4. A Chapter Certificate shall not be granted by the officers of a Chapter to a Companion, unless he has been a member thereof, and resigned therefrom, or, after suspension or expulsion, has been restored to good Masonic standing, or being a member thereof is desirous of becoming a petitioner for a warrant for a new Chapter. Chapter Certificate Not Given.

SEC. 5. Where a member of a subordinate Chapter desires to become a petitioner to Grand Chapter for a warrant for a new Chapter, he shall apply in writing to the Chapter of which he is a member, setting forth that he desires to become a petitioner for a warrant for a new Chapter. If there are no charges pending against the Companion, and all dues owing are paid in full, the Chapter shall immediately grant to said member a certificate stating that he is in good Masonic standing, and that the certificate is granted to enable the Companion to become a Certificate to Companion Who Wishes to Petition for a New Chapter.

petitioner for a warrant for a new Chapter; to this certificate shall be attached a copy of the Mark of the Companion, as recorded in the Book of Marks of the Chapter, and the date of its adoption. If for any reason the warrant for a new Chapter should not be granted, or for any other reason the Companion desires to continue his membership in the Chapter granting the certificate, the Companion to whom said certificate was granted shall return said certificate to the Chapter granting it. After the granting of said certificate and until the constitution of the new Chapter, he shall retain all the rights and privileges of membership and be liable for dues.\*

## ARTICLE XIV.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS. HIGH PRIEST.

**SECTION 1.** It is the duty of the Most Excellent High Priest to enforce an observance of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of Grand Chapter, and the by-laws of his Chapter; see that the officers discharge their duties faithfully; that true and correct minutes are made of all Chapter proceedings; that true and correct accounts are kept and exhibited at stated times, according to the by-laws; that the property and funds of the Chapter are properly managed and dispensed, and to attend all Communications of Grand Chapter.

Duties of  
High Priest.

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\*See Art. XII, Sec. 3.

SEC. 2. He is empowered to call meetings of his Chapter at pleasure. He has charge of the warrant of constitution, which must always be displayed in the Chapter when it is opened and during its labors. To him belongs the appointment of all officers of the Chapter not elective, and of all committees not otherwise provided for.

Powers of  
High Priest.

SEC. 3. Where there is no warrant displayed there can be no Chapter opened. The Most Excellent High Priest, when he cannot attend, shall give the warrant to the King, and in his absence to the Scribe; and if all three are absent no Chapter can be opened, except by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest or some Companion specially authorized by him for that purpose.

Warrant Must  
be Displayed.

#### KING AND SCRIBE.

SEC. 4. The duty of the King and Scribe in the Chapter is to assist the Most Excellent High Priest in conducting its labors and attend all Communications of Grand Chapter.

Duty of King  
and Scribe.

SEC. 5. In the absence of the Most Excellent High Priest, the King, and in the absence of the Most Excellent High Priest and King, the Scribe shall take the station of the Most Excellent High Priest. In the absence of the King the Most Excellent High Priest and Scribe being present, the Scribe shall take the station of the King. In the absence of the Scribe, the Most Excellent High Priest shall appoint a Companion to take the station of the Scribe.

Absence of  
High Priest.

## TREASURER.

Duties of Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all moneys received by him, and pay out the same only on orders drawn by authority of the Chapter, signed by the Most Excellent High Priest, and attested by the Secretary. He shall make regular entries of his receipts and expenditures, and have his books and vouchers ready for examination at such times as the by-laws require, or whenever called upon by order of the Most Excellent High Priest or the Chapter. The Chapter may provide in its by-laws for the Treasurer giving bond before entering upon his duties, and the amount thereof.

## SECRETARY.

Duties of Secretary.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall preserve the archives and seal of the Chapter, and keep minutes of all the transactions of the Chapter proper to be committed to writing, that the same may be submitted to the Most Excellent High Priest, or a committee of the Chapter, or to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest whenever required. He shall preserve a copy of the by-laws of the Chapter, a copy of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of Grand Chapter, and a list, of the members of the Chapter, with the dates of their receiving the several degrees or of their admission. He shall make a record of, and transmit monthly, within eight days after each stated meeting, to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, a return\* of all petitions

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\*For annual returns see Art. XII, Sec. 19.

for degrees and membership or membership only, the action thereon, all degrees conferred, all expulsions, suspensions, rejections, deaths, resignations, restorations to good Masonic standing and restorations to membership, with the names and dates. He shall immediately notify a rejected petitioner of his rejection.

SEC. 8. He shall, on or immediately before the 15th day of November in each year forward to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary a correct list of all the members of the Chapter who are also members of Grand Chapter, and shall make the annual return of the Chapter required by Section 19 of Article XII.

**Annual Returns.**

SEC. 9. He shall issue to all the members notices for all meetings. In the notices for stated meetings he shall give the full name, age, occupation, number of Lodge and residence of every petitioner for degrees and membership, or membership only, whose petition is pending; but he shall not give the names of the recommenders or of the committee of inquiry in said notices. He shall also send copies of said notices to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand High Priest in whose District the Chapter may be located.

**Issue All Notices.**

In the notices of the stated meeting of the Chapter second preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day he shall state the amount of dues which may be owing on the night of the

**Notice of Dues.**

annual election by the member to whom the notice is sent. He shall perform every act as Secretary which the Most Excellent High Priest or Chapter may direct, in aid of the business of the Chapter, or concerning the same. He shall keep a record of the place of residence of each member of the Chapter, which record shall be the best evidence of the residence of said member, and perform such other duties as may pertain to his office. The Chapter may provide in its by-laws for his giving bond before entering upon his duties, and the amount thereof.

#### OTHER OFFICERS.

**Duties of Other Officers.** SEC. 10. The duties of the remaining officers of the Chapter are similar to those of the corresponding officers in Grand Chapter, so far as the same apply to subordinate Chapters.

#### ARTICLE XV.

**Member Shall Sign Book.**

SECTION 1. A member of a Chapter when he receives the first degree applied for, or on his admission to membership, shall sign his name in full, stating his age, occupation and place of residence, in a book kept by the Secretary for that purpose. When any member changes his residence he shall within one month thereafter notify the Secretary of the change.

**Companions Made by Grand High Priests.**

SEC. 2. Companions made by virtue of the presence of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest do not thereby become members of any

Chapter. To become members they must apply by petition and be duly elected, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. No Companion shall be a member of two Chapters at the same time; but a member of a warranted Mark Lodge may be a member of a Chapter.

SEC. 4. Honorary membership may be conferred upon Royal Arch Masons, members of other Chapters, for meritorious service rendered to Royal Arch Masonry, but such an election shall not carry with it any of the privileges of active membership. The members shall be notified of the pendency of any motion relative to honorary membership, and in such case it shall require two-thirds vote in the affirmative. The Chapter may recall such honorary membership at its pleasure.

SEC. 5. No Companion shall use his certificate, or expose any Masonic emblem as a sign, in his business transactions.

SEC. 6. If a Companion shall disturb the harmony of the Chapter, he is to be formally admonished by the Most Excellent High Priest; and if he persists therein, the Most Excellent High Priest may direct him to leave the Chapter Hall, and see that this direction is complied with before continuing the business of the Chapter.

SEC. 7. A member of a Chapter ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension, resignation or by ceasing to be a member of a Master Ma-

Dual Membership Prohibited.

Honorary Membership.

No Sign Used in Business.

Misbehavior in Open Chapter.

How Membership Ceases.

Sons' Lodge. But no member shall be permitted to withdraw from membership until his dues have been paid or remitted by his Chapter or pending any inquiry in which his character may be implicated. Chapters shall have penal jurisdiction over their former members so long as they remain unaffiliated.

**Suspension or  
Expulsion.**

SEC. 8. A Companion can be suspended or expelled only at a stated meeting of the Chapter.

**Exaltation  
Not Within  
Four Weeks.**

SEC. 9. No member shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason; and not then unless he has had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to abridge the prerogative of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest relative to the conferring, or causing to be conferred in his presence, or by his dispensation, any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry.

**ARTICLE XVI.**  
**PETITIONS FOR THE DEGREES OR MEMBERSHIP.**

**Requisites of  
Petitioner.**

SECTION 1. A petitioner for the Capitular degrees, or for membership, shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, in good standing with the Fraternity, a member of a Lodge of Master Masons and capable of performing all the work in the degrees he applies for.

He must apply by petition to be presented at a stated meeting of the Chapter. His petition must be in writing or partly written and partly printed. He must sign the petition with his full name, set forth therein his age, occupation and residence, the name, number and location of the Lodge of Master Masons of which he is a member, and the degree to which he has arrived in Masonry. If the petition is for the Capitular degrees, he must state that he has not been rejected by any regularly constituted Chapter, giving the date on which he was passed to the Chair, and he must be recommended by two Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter, who must certify that the petitioner is a Past Master; if for membership only, he must present with his petition a Chapter Certificate under the seal of the Chapter of which he was last a member, together with a copy of his Mark, and he must be recommended by two Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter, who must certify that the applicant is a Mark Master Mason, has passed the Chair, is a Most Excellent Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason.

The petition, on its presentation to the Chapter, must be read by the Secretary, and referred to a committee of inquiry, consisting of three Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter, none of whom shall be of his recommenders.

SEC. 2. Action can be had by the Chapter on the petition at the next or some subsequent stated meeting, not less than four weeks and

Petition.

Passed to the Chair.

Recommend-ers.

Referred to a Committee.

Action on Petition.

not exceeding four months after its presentation, if a favorable report has been made by the Committee; provided that inquiry has been made of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary if there is anything on the records of Grand Chapter against the petitioner, and a favorable reply has been received from that officer. If the four months shall expire at a time when the meetings of the Chapter are omitted action can be had at the first stated meeting of the Chapter which shall occur thereafter.

Inquiry of  
Grand Secre-  
tary.

Investigating  
Committee.

SEC. 3. The Committee or one of its members shall wait on the petitioner, read to him his petition and inquire whether he subscribes to all the conditions therein set forth. The Committee shall make diligent and careful inquiry as to all matters which pertain to the character and residence of the petitioner, and report to the Chapter at the next or a subsequent stated meeting. A report to be favorable must be signed by all the members of the Committee.

If the Committee or any member thereof refuses or fails to act, the Most Excellent High Priest may appoint another member or members in his or their place, and the Committee thus constituted shall not report until the next stated meeting, provided that a report must be made within four months from the presentation of the petition.

SEC. 4. When the report has been read to the Chapter, if it is favorable, the Most Excellent High Priest shall order a ballot to be

Failure of  
Committee  
to Act.

Ballot.

taken on the petition. If one black ball is cast, the petitioner is rejected. Every member of the Chapter present, unless excused by the Most Excellent High Priest, shall vote upon this ballot, that unanimity may be ascertained. If by the ballot the petitioner is rejected, a test ballot may be had by order of the Most Excellent High Priest, if he believes an error or mistake has occurred; provided, that no member has left the Chapter Hall after the first ballot was had and before the test ballot is taken. Every member of the Chapter present must vote on the test ballot.

SEC. 5. If a petitioner for the degrees and membership, having been balloted for and approved, does not present himself within six months thereafter all proceedings in his case are void. If the six months shall expire at a time when the meetings of the Chapter are omitted, the conferring of the degrees may take place at the first meeting of the Chapter which shall occur thereafter. A first petition for the degrees and membership may be withdrawn after a favorable report shall have been made, or after a favorable ballot, by permission of a majority of all the members present.

SEC. 6. In case of a rejection upon a ballot, a second ballot upon the petition may be had, provided that the motion therefor shall be made at the same or a subsequent stated meeting held within six months after the rejection. Such motion shall lie over until the next or some subsequent stated meeting, not exceed-

Petitioner Not  
Presenting  
Himself.

Second Ballot.

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ing three months thereafter, and if the motion is adopted, the second ballot must be had at the next stated meeting after the adoption of the resolution, notice thereof being sent to the members.

**Objection in  
Open Chapter.**

SEC. 7. If the report of the Committee is favorable, and the ballot approves the petitioner, he may receive the first degree applied for; subject to objection in open Chapter from any member of the Chapter. When an objection is made it must be entered on the minutes and cannot be withdrawn. Such objection shall have the same force and effect as a rejection by ballot. If no objection is made and the degree is completed any objection to further advancement must be in the form of a charge. If the charge is found on trial to be sustained the Chapter cannot advance the Brother.

**Territorial  
Jurisdiction  
Not Allowed.**

SEC. 8. Territorial jurisdiction over petitioners for degrees and membership is vested in Grand Chapter, and any duly qualified petitioner may petition any Chapter under the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter.

### BALLOT.

**Ballot; Right  
of Each  
Member.**

SEC. 9. The right of each member to vote by ballot is vested in him. For the exercise of this right he can never be questioned, unless he shall acknowledge that he has acted upon un-Masonic reasons. It is the right of each member to cast a ballot as his conscience and Masonic light command; it must never be exercised to gratify personal malice, spite,

**Must Not be  
Used for Spite  
or Malice.**

revenge, any private animosity, unkindness or for personal objection of the member, which is individual only to the petitioner and does not affect his character as a member of society. The black ball is to protect the Chapter, the Craft and the fair fame of Capitular Masonry; and it is a duty to cast the black ball, if the member so voting believes that the admission of the petitioner would bring reproach on Capitular Masonry by reason of the unfitness of such petitioner.

#### A REJECTED PETITIONER FOR DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP.—FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

SEC. 10. At or after the expiration of six months from the date of his final rejection on the first petition, the rejected petitioner may present a second petition for the degrees and membership to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction; which petition shall be subject to the same proceedings by the Chapter as in the case of a first petition, except that it cannot be withdrawn. If the petitioner is again rejected, the same course shall be followed by the Secretary as in the case of the first petition and rejection, stating in addition in the return to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary that it is a second rejection. A second ballot cannot be taken on a second or subsequent petition.

SEC. 11. At or after the expiration of one year from a second rejection the petitioner may apply to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction in writing, stating that he has been informed that he has been twice rejected, with

May Apply  
After Six  
Months.

Proceedings  
After a Second  
Rejection.

**Permission to  
Present a  
Third Petition.**

full particulars as to said rejections, and he believes that the objection which previously existed against him does not now exist, and asking the Chapter to permit him to present a third petition for the degrees and membership. On receipt of this application the Chapter shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the members that at the next stated meeting the Chapter will act on said application. At the next stated meeting the Most Excellent High Priest shall direct the Secretary to read the application, and when the same is read the Most Excellent High Priest shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon. If the ballot is not unanimous in favor of granting the prayer of the petition this ends all action of any Chapter in the case of this petitioner for one year, but does not stand as a third rejection. If the ballot is unanimous, the petitioner may present a third petition, subject to the same rules and regulations governing the proceedings in cases of first and second petitions for degrees and membership. If the petitioner is again rejected this rejection ends all action by any Chapter in the case except by authority specially given by Grand Chapter.

**Third Rejec-  
tion Ends  
All Action by  
Any Chapter.**

**Fourth Peti-  
tion.**

SEC. 12. At or after the expiration of one year from a third rejection the petitioner may apply to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction in writing, stating that he has been informed that he has been thrice rejected, with particulars as to said rejections, and that he believes that the objection which previously existed against him does not now exist, and asking

the Chapter to permit him to present a fourth petition for the degrees and membership. On the receipt of this application, the Chapter shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the members that at the next stated meeting the Chapter will act on said application. At the next stated meeting the Most Excellent High Priest shall direct the Secretary to read the application, and immediately after the reading of the same the Most Excellent High Priest shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon. If the ballot is not unanimous in favor of granting the petition it ends all action by any Chapter on the application. If the ballot is unanimous, and Grand Chapter consents thereto, the petitioner may present a fourth petition, subject to the same rules and regulations governing the proceedings in cases of first, second and third petitions for degrees and membership.

SEC. 13. If the ballot on an application to present a fourth petition should be unanimous, a certificate thereof shall be prepared, signed by the Most Excellent High Priest, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, and be forwarded to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to be laid before Grand Chapter for its action thereon.

SEC. 14. If permission be granted by Grand Chapter to receive a fourth petition from a rejected petitioner, the petition must be acted upon within six months from the time the Chapter has received official notice that per-

Certificate to  
Permit a  
Fourth Peti-  
tion.

Permission  
May be  
Granted by  
Grand Chapter.

mission was granted. No Chapter shall act upon the petition of a petitioner for any of the degrees who has been rejected in another Chapter without the consent of the rejecting Chapter, as is provided in Section 15 of this Article.

**Rejected Petitioner Must Have Permission of Rejecting Chapter.**

SEC. 15. If a petitioner for the degrees and membership, who has been rejected, applies to a Chapter other than the one or more in which he was rejected, stating that he was informed of such rejection, the Chapter receiving such petition shall, under its seal, inquire of such rejecting Chapter or Chapters if there is any objection to action upon the said petition. The inquiry shall be addressed to the Secretary of the rejecting Chapter, and shall contain the full name, age, occupation, number of Lodge and residence of the petitioner. The Chapter so inquired of shall cause said inquiry to be read at the next stated meeting after the same is received.

**Notice to be Given of Ballot.**

The notices for the meeting of the Chapter inquired of shall state that "A ballot will be had on the inquiry, 'Is there any Masonic objection to ..... Chapter No. ...., acting on the petition of ..... Member of ..... Lodge, No. ...., Free and Accepted Masons, for degrees and membership.' " One black ball shall establish the existence of such objection. The result of the ballot shall be certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Chapter, to the Chapter making the inquiry and to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

## ARTICLE XVII.

## SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Secretary of each Chapter shall annually, in the notice of the stated meeting second preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, furnish to each member a statement of the amount due by him to the Chapter to the next stated meeting inclusive, with notice that if the same be not paid on or before the stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day he may be suspended.

SEC. 2. When a member is to be notified by his Chapter that he is liable to suspension for non-payment of dues, the Secretary shall, one month before final action, send notice to the place of residence last reported by him to the Secretary, and if it shall appear that such member had removed therefrom two months before the date of the meeting at which he was suspended, it shall be no cause of complaint that he did not receive notice of the proposed action of the Chapter.

SEC. 3. Should the member so notified neglect or refuse to pay his dues on or before the said stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, he may at that or any subsequent stated meeting be suspended. If action is postponed until a subsequent meeting, a notice of the postponement, signed by the Secretary, under the seal of the Chapter, must be sent to the member.

Suspensions for non-payment of dues at any other time in the year, or without notice

Notice of  
Dues.Notice of Li-  
ability for  
Suspension.May Suspend  
for Non-Pay-  
ment of Dues.Suspensions;  
When Unlaw-  
ful.

when postponed, are unlawful and will be set aside.

**Restored to  
Good Masonic  
Standing.**

SEC. 4. A Companion who has been suspended for non-payment of dues may, on the payment of the same, be restored to good Masonic standing, which does not include restoration to membership, by a majority vote of the members present at any stated meeting of the Chapter; provided, that a Companion who has been suspended as aforesaid may, on the payment of all arrears of dues to the time of his suspension be restored to membership (which includes good Masonic standing) within one year from the date of his suspension by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting of the Chapter, after notice to the members.

**Restoration  
After Expul-  
sion or Sus-  
pension.**

SEC. 5. A Companion who has been expelled or suspended from a Chapter for any other cause than for non-payment of dues, and is desirous of being restored, must apply at a stated meeting to the Chapter of which he was last a member, when, if a majority of members present shall so decide, the Chapter shall request Grand Chapter to remove the expulsion or suspension; stating the reasons for the application, which, being granted, the Companion may apply for membership in the same manner and be subject to the rules and regulations as other applicants for membership, as set forth in Article XVI, Section 1.

**Expulsion or  
Suspension  
From Lodge.**

SEC. 6. The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master or Mark

Master Mason from his Lodge of Master Masons shall, *ipso facto*, work his suspension or expulsion from his Chapter and Mark Lodge. The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from his Chapter shall, *ipso facto*, suspend or expel him from his Mark Lodge, and his suspension or expulsion from his Mark Lodge, shall, *ipso facto*, suspend or expel him from his Chapter.

SEC. 7. Whenever any Mark Lodge shall suspend or expel any of its members, the Secretary shall immediately notify, in writing, each Chapter located in the same place or within nine miles thereof, of the fact of such suspension or expulsion, and in like manner, whenever any Chapter shall suspend or expel any of its members, the Secretary shall notify each Mark Lodge located within nine miles of the fact of such suspension or expulsion.

SEC. 8. When a member of a Chapter who has been suspended or expelled from his Master Masons' Lodge, and thereby became suspended or expelled from his Chapter, shall be restored to membership in the Lodge from which he was suspended or expelled, his restoration in the Chapter shall be in the same manner as if he had been suspended or expelled by the Chapter; or when a member of a Mark Lodge suspended or expelled in his Chapter shall be restored to membership or good Masonic standing, such restoration shall, *ipso facto*, restore him to membership in his Mark Lodge; but this proviso shall not apply

Expulsion or  
Suspension  
From Mark  
Lodge.

Restoration  
After Sus-  
pension in  
Lodge.

in any case where a suspension or expulsion upon charges shall be removed by the Grand Lodge, so that the Companion is restored to good Masonic standing only; such removal or suspension or expulsion shall have no other effect than to qualify him, upon his affiliation with a Master Masons' Lodge, to apply to a Chapter for membership.

Dues in Ar-  
rears Two  
Years.

SEC. 9. Any Companion in arrears to his Chapter for two or more years' dues shall have no voice in the discussion of the question of remittance of dues or suspension of a Companion for the non-payment of dues, and shall have no vote on motions to remit dues or on motions to suspend for non-payment of dues.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS.

Chapter or  
Member May  
Complain.

SECTION 1. Any Chapter, or member, who may be aggrieved by the action of any Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master or Mark Master Mason, may complain to the Chapter of which the aggressor is a member.

Time of  
Appeal to  
Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. Any Chapter or member thereof, aggrieved by the action of a Chapter, may appeal or complain to Grand Chapter within six months after final action by the Chapter.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### SEAL.

SECTION 1. The following is a representation of the Seal of Grand Chapter:



## ARTICLE XX.

## GENERAL RULES.

SECTION 1. All powers, privileges and restrictions hereinbefore contained, referring to the Chapters, Most Excellent High Priests, other Officers and Royal Arch Masons, shall be applied to and govern, as far as they can be made applicable to Mark Master Masons' Lodges, Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges, and the Masters, Wardens, Officers and members of such Lodges, with the same effect as if they had been specifically designated herein.

Apply to  
Mark Master  
and Most  
Excellent  
Master  
Lodges.

SEC. 2. All laws, rules, regulations, edicts or decisions heretofore in force, which conflict with this Constitution, shall be and the same are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Conflicting  
Laws  
Repealed.

## ARTICLE XXI.

## AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. No amendment or alteration of this Constitution shall be made, unless proposed in writing at a Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, and acted upon at the

Constitution,  
How Amended.

Quarterly Communication in December next following; nor then, unless previous notice has been forwarded to the Subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges together with a copy of such proposed amendments or alterations. A majority of the members present in Grand Chapter and voting shall be sufficient to approve or reject.

**Amendment of  
Regulations.**

SEC. 2. Amendments and alterations to any Regulation adopted by Grand Chapter may be made if proposed in writing at any Quarterly Communication and laid over until the next Communication of Grand Chapter. Notice of such proposed amendment or alteration to be given with the notice of the Communication at which it is to be acted upon. A majority of the members present in Grand Chapter and voting shall be sufficient to approve or reject.

# **REGULATIONS**



# REGULATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER FURNITURE.

No. 1. The Altar shall be thirty-six inches **The Altar.** long, twenty-four inches wide and twenty-four inches high, having a scarlet upholstered top. There shall also be two cushions thirty-six inches long, eighteen inches wide and three inches high.

No. 2. The Arch shall consist of a base or **The Arch.** platform fifty-seven inches long, sixteen and a half inches wide and two inches thick. Upon this platform are erected two turned columns of the Doric order of architecture forty-two inches high, forty-three and a half inches from center to center, an average thickness of five and a half inches, supporting a semi-circular arch, having a square section with five-inch face and three-inch sides. In the center of the Arch shall be a keystone having a loose section keeping the face intact, and one inch in thickness. The entire Arch to be painted white.

No. 3. The Ark shall be twenty-seven and **The Ark.** a half inches long, sixteen and a half inches wide and twelve inches high, with a top and base moulding. The Ark shall be gilt both inside and out. On each side of the Ark shall be two gilt rings, large enough to admit gilt staves. The staves shall be four feet long, one and a half inches in diameter, having a turned

knob at each end. Around the lid of the Ark there shall be a serrated gilt crown two inches high, making the entire height of the Ark fourteen inches. At each end of the lid and within the serration there shall be a kneeling gilt Cherub, each looking toward the other, the Cherubim having their wings extended covering the entire top of the Ark. The height of each Cherub shall be twelve inches from its head to the lid of the Ark.

**Altar of Burnt-  
Offering.**

No. 4. The Altar of Burnt-Offering shall have a square base of twenty-five inch sides, finished with an appropriate moulding eight inches high and tapering until each side is twenty-two inches long. On this base is placed a frustum, having a bottom of twenty-two inch sides, a top of seventeen and a half-inch sides, and an altitude of eighteen and a half inches. On the top of the frustum is placed a square top, extending a half inch beyond the top of the frustum, finished with an appropriate moulding four and a half inches high and widening to twenty-two inches. In each of the four corners of the top of the Altar is placed a horn of two and a half inches base and four inches high, pointing diagonally, the point being directly over the corner of the top of the Altar. The sides of the frustum to be paneled and the entire Altar gilt. On the top of the Altar there shall be a representation of a small pile of wood concealing a basin ten inches in diameter and two and a half inches deep.

**Relics.**

No. 5. The Relics shall consist of a pedestal, a triple triangle and the Book of the Law.

No. 6. The pedestal shall be six inches square and thirteen inches high, having an appropriate base moulding and paneled sides. The top of the pedestal shall have an upholstered blue circular top of nine inches diameter, having attached to its surface and concentric to its circumference a circular brass plate with a raised rim half an inch wide, and in its centre a raised equilateral triangle, having three-inch sides three-eighths of an inch wide and within a raised Hebrew "Yod."

No. 7. The triple triangle shall consist of three equilateral triangles having three-inch sides five-sixteenths of an inch wide, interlaced.

No. 8. The Book of the Law shall be made of parchment, eighteen inches long, eight and a half inches wide, mounted on roll and slat, with the Ten Commandments in Hebrew characters on one side.

No. 9. The columns shall be twenty and a half inches high and the base of the pedestal four inches square. Both columns to be gilt, one of the Corinthian and the other of the Ionic order of architecture.

No. 10. The wicket shall have a bottom twenty inches square, two sides eighteen inches high in the front and tapering to six inches. The front to be twenty inches at the base and eighteen inches high, having a hole in the centre four and a quarter inches in diameter and seven inches from the base.

Pedestal.

Triple Triangle.

Book of the Law.

Columns.

Wicket.

**Keystone.**

No. 11. The keystone shall be an inverted frustum, the bottom to be three inches and the top four and a half inches square. The height shall be five inches, and on one side there shall be appropriate figures. On the top there shall be a square projection of three-inch sides seven-eighths of an inch high.

**Approved Work.**

No. 12. The approved work shall be seven inches long, three and a half inches wide and two inches thick.

**Trestle Board.**

No. 13. The trestle board shall be eighteen inches long and ten inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick, having a keystone of constitutional size and shape painted thereon.

**Cable Tow.**

No. 14. The cable tows shall be red, each thirty-three feet in length, three-eighths of an inch in thickness, finished with loop and throg.

**Three Scepters.**

No. 15. One Most Excellent High Priest's scepter with gilt metal flanges; scepters for King and Scribe, with gilt metal flange, all to be painted red and to be forty-five inches long.

No. 16. In addition to the foregoing, each Chapter shall have three gavels; three pairs scarlet leather slippers turned without counters; three serpentine staffs, thirty-six inches long; chisel and maul, crow, pick and spade, burning bush, red leather covered casket and gilt letters; heavy gilt signet ring with equilateral triangle engraved thereon with Hebrew "Yod" in the centre; plumb, level

and square and square and compasses all to be of gilt metal.

No. 17. The pedestal at the station of the Most Excellent High Priest shall be thirty-seven inches high and have a top not less than twenty-four inches by twenty-four inches. The pedestals at the stations of the Senior and Junior Wardens of the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodge shall be of the same dimensions.

Officers'  
Pedestals.

**JEWELS OF OFFICERS  
OF  
GRAND CHAPTER**

No. 18. The Jewels of Officers of Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

- (a) Of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a Jewish Mitre with the Triple Tau in front.
- (b) Of the Most Excellent Grand King, a Royal Crown.
- (c) Of the Most Excellent Grand Scribe, a Turban.
- (d) Of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys.
- (e) Of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Crossed Quill Pens.
- (f) Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, a Breastplate.
- (g) District Deputy Grand High Priests, the Equilateral Triangle.
- (h) Of Grand Chaplains, the Bible.
- (i) Of the Grand Captain of the Host, Soldier with drawn Sword.
- (j) Of the Grand Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with Staff.
- (k) Of the Grand Royal Arch Captain, Cross hilted Swords Crossed, the hilts on the lower part of the Triangle.
- (l) Of the Grand Masters of the Vails, a cross hilted Sword pointing downward.
- (m) Of the Grand Marshal, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Batons.

- (n) Of the Grand Masters of Ceremonies, Laurel Wreath with Crossed Wands.
- (o) Of the Grand Pursuivant, Sabre Crossed with Trumpet.
- (p.) Of the Grand Tyler, Crossed Sabres, hilts resting on the lower part of the Triangle.
- (q) Of Instructors in the Work, Lamp.

No. 19. Each of these jewels, except those of the District Deputy Grand High Priest, shall be placed on an equilateral triangle, each side of the triangle to be three inches long and three-eighths of an inch wide, placed on a circular band three-eighths of an inch wide.

No. 20. The triangle and circle of the jewels of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand King and Most Excellent Grand Scribe shall each have a raised border on the inner and on the outer edge. The triangle of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's jewel shall have a seven-pointed star in each of its angles; that of the Most Excellent Grand King in each of its lower angles; that of the Most Excellent Grand Scribe in its upper angle.

No. 21. The triangle and circle of the jewels of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and Most Excellent Grand Secretary shall have a raised border on the outer edge. Those of all other officers shall be plain.

No. 22. The jewel of a Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest shall consist of a bar

bearing the date 1795, from which shall be suspended a representation of the seal of Grand Chapter, and from that suspended a breastplate mounted on a triple triangle, and that mounted on a circle.

#### CLOTHING OF GRAND OFFICERS.

##### Aprons of Grand Officers.

No. 23. The aprons of Officers of Grand Chapter shall be white satin, sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep, with an indented scarlet and purple border two inches wide, the scarlet part pointing inward; the border of the flap to be of the same description, one inch wide; in the centre of the flap shall be a triangle of three-inch sides, three-eighths of an inch wide, of gold bullion embroidery; in the centre of the triangle on purple satin, a gold bullion embroidered triple tau one inch long. Two gold bullion flat tassels suspended from two-inch purple ribbon tabs. On the body of the apron shall be embroidered in gold bullion a triangle within which is a representation of the jewel of the office, of the same size as the jewel attached to the collar on a ground of purple satin. The lining and girdle to be of purple.

##### Collars of Grand Officers.

No. 24. The jewels of office worn by Officers of Grand Chapter shall be suspended by a collar of moire antique silk, four inches wide measured square across from the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two and a half inches at the neck. The collar shall be of three colors, viz.: blue, scarlet and purple in the order named,

the blue on the inner edge. It shall be lined with purple and be finished with a gilt swivel, to which shall be attached the jewel of the office.

No. 25. The jewel of a Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest is to be worn on the left breast.

No. 26. The crowns of the Officers of Grand Chapter shall be of gilt morocco, except the semicircular frontlet, and be of the same shape and size as those of the Officers of the subordinate Chapters. The semicircular frontlet shall have the color appropriate to the office for which the crown is designated, and the oval in front of the crown to be a gilt metallic plate with "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon.

No. 27. The Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Masters of the Vails, Grand Masters of Ceremonies, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler shall each wear a sword, suspended from a shoulder belt, two inches wide, and of the same color and material as the crown of the officer who wears the sword, made adjustable by means of a gilt oval plate on the breast, containing in engraved letters, "Grand Chapter." The sword shall be cross-hilted, brass or gilt mounted, with steel scabbard covered with leather of the same color as the sword belt.

No. 28. The mitre, crown, turban and robes to be worn by the Most Excellent

Past Grand  
High Priests.

Crowns of  
Grand Chapter  
Officers.

Swords.

Mitre, Crown,  
Etc., Grand  
Officers.

Grand High Priest, the Most Excellent Grand King and Most Excellent Grand Scribe shall be similar to those worn by the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe in subordinate Chapters.

Proper Cloth-  
ing to be  
Admitted to  
Grand Chapter.

No. 29. To be properly clothed for admission to Communications of Grand Chapter, each Officer or Most Excellent Past High Priest of a Chapter must wear an apron and his appropriate jewel.

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

### JEWELS.

Jewels of  
Officers of  
Subordinate  
Chapters.

- No. 30. High Priest—Jewish Mitre with Triple Tau in front.  
King—Royal Crown.  
Scribe—A Turban.  
Treasurer—Crossed Keys.  
Secretary—Crossed Quill Pens.  
Chaplain—Bible.  
Captain of the Host—Soldier with drawn sword.  
Principal Sojourner—Pilgrim with Staff.  
Royal Arch Captain—Cross hilted swords crossed, the hilts on the lower part of the Triangle.  
Masters of the Vails—A cross hilted sword, point downward.  
Masters of Ceremonies — Laurel wreath interlaced with crossed wands.  
Guide — Laurel wreath interlaced with crossed batons.

Pursuivant — Sabre crossed with Trumpet.

Tyler—Crossed sabres, hilts resting on the lower part of the Triangle.

Each emblem of office is placed on a triangle; each side of the triangle is three inches long and three-eighths of an inch wide. The jewels for the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe have a raised border on the outer and inner edge. The jewels for the Treasurer and Secretary have a raised border on the outer edge only; all other jewels are plain. The triangle of the Most Excellent High Priests' jewel has a seven-pointed star in each of its angles; that of the King in each of its lower angles; that of the Scribe in its upper angle.

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

### CLOTHING.

No. 31. The aprons of officers of subordinate Chapters shall be of white satin, sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep, with an indented scarlet and purple border two inches wide, the scarlet part pointing inward; the border of the flap to be of the same description, one inch wide; in the centre of the flap shall be a triangle of three-inch sides, three-eighths of an inch wide, of gold bullion embroidery; in the centre of the triangle on scarlet satin, a gold bullion embroidered triple tau one inch long. Two gold bullion flat tassels suspended from two-inch scarlet ribbon tabs. On the body of the apron shall be emboid-

Aprons of  
Officers.

ered in gold bullion a triangle within which is a representation of the jewel of the office, of the same size as the jewel, attached to the collar on a ground of scarlet satin. The lining and girdle to be of scarlet.

**Collars of  
Officers.**

No. 32. The jewels of office worn by the officers of subordinate Chapters shall be suspended by a scarlet collar of moire antique silk three and one-half inches wide measured square across the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two inches at the neck, lined with scarlet and finished with a gilt swivel to which to attach the jewel of the office.

**Robes of  
Officers.**

No. 33. High Priest—The robe of the High Priest shall consist of a long white gown with flowing sleeves trimmed with white embroidery, over which shall be worn a robe of blue silk with shoulder sleeves trimmed with scarlet velvet edges two inches wide with open gold lace work and fringe; the blue robe shall have a turned-down collar of red velvet, two and a half inches wide ornamented with open work gold lace; the bottom of the blue robe shall be trimmed alternately with pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet silk, small gilt bells and fringe.

**Ephod.**

Over this robe shall be worn an ephod of white moire antique silk, lined with blue, the front and back of the ephod to be exactly alike. The distance from the neck-piece to the bottom to be twenty-seven inches, the extreme width at the shoulders to be twenty-one inches, tapering gradually for a distance of thirteen

inches, at which point the width shall be fifteen and a half inches; thence gradually widening and osculating with a semi-elliptical curve whose major axis is nineteen and a half inches.

The ephod shall be bordered with a gilt point d'Espagne lace, interspersed alternately with circular velvet spots of the appropriate colors, blue, purple and scarlet, two inches from centre to centre. Inside of the aforesaid lace there shall be a vine embroidered with gilt braid, conforming to the outlines of the ephod, and provided with leaves of gilt braid interspersed alternately with more prominent leaves, composed of gilt braid and silk needlework of the appropriate colors. Near the centre of the lower edge the vines from each side interlace, forming a pointed ornament twelve inches long and seven inches wide at its broadest part, said ornament being cut out of velvet, having the appropriate colors and edged with gilt braid.

On each shoulder and attached to the ephod there shall be a gilt rectangular plate four and a half inches long and two and a half inches wide, with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel engraved thereon in Roman capital letters, as follows: On the right shoulder, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Joseph and Benjamin. On the left shoulder, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun.

Around the waist is worn a curious girdle three inches wide, composed of gilt, blue,

Shoulder  
Plates.

Curious Girdle.

purple, scarlet and white silk cords, interwoven so as to form a flat surface.

**Breastplate.**

Over the ephod, suspended by a gilt chain, is worn a square breastplate with stone settings, and the names of the twelve tribes of Israel engraved under the appropriate colored stones, as described in Exodus, Chapter 39, verses 9 to 14.

**The Mitre.**

The mitre shall be of authentic Jewish shape, seven and a half inches high, nine inches in diameter at the largest part, having a gossamer body covered with white satin laid on in narrow plaits. Around the mitre is placed a gold-wire lace, one and five-eighths inches wide, surmounted with a vine of gold bullion embroidery, one inch wide. On the front centre of the band shall be placed a gilt metal plate, four inches long and one and a quarter inches wide having the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon. Above the plate shall be placed a Triple Tau, one and three-quarter inches wide and two and a quarter inches high.

**King's Robe.**

No. 34. The King's robe shall be a royal robe of scarlet velvet with flowing sleeves of the same material. The edges of the sleeves, front edges and bottom of the robe shall be faced with ermine. On the sleeves and front edges of the robe the ermine shall be four inches wide, and around the bottom of the robe, six inches wide. The ermine to be edged with gold or gilt open-work lace. The robe to be provided with a cape of ermine sixteen

inches deep, lined with scarlet, and to be fastened in front with snap-buttons. The cape to be fastened around the neck with a scarlet cord one-eighth of an inch in diameter, provided with tassels two inches in length.

No. 35. The King's crown shall be composed of a band of scarlet velvet ornamented with gold lace and precious stones, surmounted with six arches of scarlet velvet, trimmed with gold or gilt lace or embroidery. These arches to have curved sides, tapering to a point where joined, and fastened with a gilt knob. Under the arches a fillet of scarlet silk. On the front of the band is fastened a gilt plate, four inches long and one and a half inches wide, with the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon. King's Crown.

No. 36. The Scribe's robe shall be of royal purple velvet, with flowing sleeves of the same material, trimmed with ermine and gilt or gold lace, as provided for the King's robe, but without cape, having a standing collar of purple one and a half inches wide. Scribe's Robe.

No. 37. The Scribe's turban shall be of purple silk and trimmed with gold or gilt lace and precious stones. The turban to be plaited on each side, and surmounted with a coronet three inches high. On the front a gilt plate of the same description as the one on the King's crown. Scribe's Turban.

The King's and Scribe's robes to be fastened in front with snap-buttons and be pro-

vided with appropriate silk cord and tassels of the same color as the robe.

No. 38. The collar, jewel and apron of each officer shall be worn outside and over the robes.

No. 39. The officers' crowns shall be of Morocco, five inches high, having the form of a gilt serration of equilateral triangles of one inch sides stamped under the top edge. In the triangular serrations there shall be stamped the following six symbols, placed alternately four times from left to right, viz.: Jewish Mitre—Royal Crown—Turban—Holy Bible—Equilateral Triangle with a Yod in the centre—Spade, Pick and Crow, interlaced. The symbols to be stamped in gold. Under the serrations is stamped a gold band one-eighth of an inch wide, having a gilt scroll one-quarter of an inch wide, placed one-sixteenth of an inch under the gilt band. The bottom to have a silk band of blue, purple and scarlet arranged helically one-half of an inch wide. Above the bottom band is stamped a gilt band one-eighth of an inch wide, and one-sixteenth of an inch above this band a gilt scroll one-quarter of an inch wide. On the front of the crowns is stamped an oval plate in gold, four inches by two and one-quarter inches, and in the plate in raised letters, three-quarters of an inch high, the words "Holiness to the Lord" in three rows, the top row having the word "HOLINESS" in letters three-eighths of an inch high, the middle row the

words "TO THE" in letters one-quarter of an inch high, and in the bottom row the word "LORD" in letters one-half an inch high. Above the crown proper is a semicircular frontlet, four and a half inches high, ornamented on its upper edge with the form of serrated triangles, as on the crown. In the centre of the frontlet is stamped in gold the jewel of the office. The colors of the crowns to be as follows: For Treasurer, Secretary, Master of the Third Vail, Masters of Ceremonies, Pursuivant, Guide and Tyler, to be scarlet; for Chaplain and Royal Arch Captain to be white; for Captain of the Host to be dark blue; for Principal Sojourner to be stone color; for Master of the First Vail to be light blue, and for Master of the Second Vail to be purple.

No. 40. The Captain of the Host, Royal Arch Captain, Masters of the Vails, Masters of Ceremonies, Pursuivant and Tyler shall each wear a sword, suspended from a shoulder belt, two inches wide, and of the same color and material as the crown of the officer who wears the sword, made adjustable by means of a gilt oval plate on the breast, containing in engraved figures the number of the Chapter. The sword shall be cross-hilted, brass or gilt mounted, with steel scabbard covered with leather of the same color as the sword belt.

No. 41. The apron of a Royal Arch Mason shall be white lambskin, fourteen inches wide

Officers' Swords.

Members' Aprons.

and twelve inches deep, having the same border and flap as the apron of the officers; in the centre of the flap shall be printed a triangle, with a triple tau in the centre thereof, and in like manner in the centre of the apron the number of the Chapter. The printed figures, the lining and girdle shall be scarlet.

**Proper Clothing to be Admitted to Chapter.**

No. 42. A member of a Chapter to be properly clothed, before admission therein, must wear a Royal Arch Apron. Chapters may make such other regulations for the government of their members as to dress, at Chapter meetings only, as may be approved in their by-laws.

**Past High Priest's Jewel.**

No. 43. The jewel of a Most Excellent Past High Priest shall be a triangle; each side of the triangle is three inches long and three-eighths of an inch wide, within which is a seven-pointed star, hung with a scarlet gros-grained silk ribbon, finished with three bars; jewel to be gold or gold plated; to be worn on the left breast.

## MARK MASTER AND MOST EXCELLENT MASTER MASON'S LODGES.

### JEWELS AND CLOTHING.

**Officers' Jewels.**

No. 44. The jewels of the officers of the Mark Master Masons' and the Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges shall be respectively as follows:

**Master.**

A square with sides three and one-half inches long and one-half inch wide; from the inner angle of the square is suspended another square of one-half the size.

A square similar to the one used by the Worshipful Master; from the inner angle of the square is suspended a level, having a base two inches wide and an altitude of one and one-half inches.

Senior Warden.

A square similar to the one used by the Worshipful Master; from the inner angle of the square is suspended a plumb, two inches long and five-eighths of an inch wide.

Junior Warden.

Crossed Keys.

Treasurer.

Crossed quill pens.

Secretary.

The open Bible.

Chaplain.

The square, same as one used by Worshipful Master.

Master Overseer.

The level, same as one used by Worshipful Master.

Senior Overseer.

Plumb, same as one used by Worshipful Master.

Junior Overseer.

Laurel wreath, interlaced with crossed wands.

Two Masters of Ceremonies.

Sabre, crossed with trumpet.

Pursuivant.

Laurel wreath, interlaced with crossed batons, each one and a half inches long.

Guide.

Crossed sabres on triangle, points up. Tyler.  
(The same as Chapter.)

All jewels shall be of gilt metal.

### OFFICERS' COLLARS AND APRONS.

No. 45. The jewels worn by the officers of Collars.  
Mark and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges shall be suspended from a collar of moire antique silk, three and one-half inches

wide; measured square across from the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two inches at the neck. The collar to be made of blue moire antique silk and to have a scarlet border on the outer and inner edges of the collar, seven-eighths of an inch at its widest point, tapering with the collar to one-half an inch at the neck.

**Aprons.**

No. 46. The aprons of officers of Mark Master Masons' and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges shall be of white satin, sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep, having a border two inches wide, with a blue centre one inch wide, and scarlet edges one-half an inch wide. The border of the flap to be of the same description, but half the size. Two flat gold tassels shall be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, of the same description as the border of the apron. In the centre of the body of the apron is embroidered in gold bullion a representation of the jewel of the office and of the same size. Girdles and lining to be of scarlet.

**GRAND SECRETARY.**

No. 47. The Most Excellent Grand Secretary shall issue notices to each Chapter of the Quarterly and Annual Grand Communications of Grand Chapter.

To Issue  
Notices to  
Subordinate  
Chapters.

Send Copies  
of Proceed-  
ings.

No. 48. The Most Excellent Grand Secretary shall transmit annually, as soon as practicable after St. John the Evangelist's Day, to each Chapter within the Jurisdiction, and to all Grand Chapters and Masonic bodies in

correspondence with Grand Chapter, copies of the printed proceedings of Grand Chapter, sending at least four copies to each Chapter, and at least one copy to each Grand Chapter or Masonic body as aforesaid.

No. 49. Receive all petitions and memorials intended for Grand Chapter, and lay them forthwith before the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

No. 50. Keep in suitable books registries of all warrants, dispensations and certificates granted by Grand Chapter or the Grand Officers, and of the returns of the Chapters, and an alphabetical list of the suspensions, expulsions and rejections therein and such as may be communicated by other Grand Chapters.

No. 51. Affix the seal of Grand Chapter to all warrants for new Chapters, and to all certificates and other documents authorized by Grand Chapter, and attest the same.

No. 52. Conduct, under the direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the correspondence of Grand Chapter, preserving copies of the same.

No. 53. Report quarterly to Grand Chapter all Chapters suspended or otherwise deprived of their right of representation therein, and report annually, in a condensed form, at the Quarterly Communication in June, the number of members of each Chapter, the admissions, degrees conferred, resignations, sus-

Receive Petitions.

Keep Record of Warrants, Dispensations, Certificates, Etc.

To Affix Seal.

Conduct Correspondence.

Report Quarterly.

pensions, expulsions and deaths during the preceding Masonic year.

**Notify Chapters in Arrears.**

No. 54. The Most Excellent Grand Secretary shall transmit to every Chapter in arrears, at least once a year, a statement of its account, and, under the direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, adopt such measures as may be proper to collect the same.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

**To Visit Chapters and Give Instruction.**

No. 55. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand High Priest to visit the Chapters in his district at least once in each year, inspect their labors, instruct in the Work and inquire into their condition and proceedings.

**May Call Chapters of District Together.**

No. 56. He may congregate the officers and members of such Chapters at their respective places of meeting, at such times as he may think proper, and give them advice and instruction in Capitular Masonry.

**Report to Most Excellent Grand High Priest.**

No. 57. He shall report to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, from time to time, the state of the Chapters in his District and all that he may have officially done therein.

**Attend Quarterly Communications.**

No. 58. He shall attend the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter at least twice in each year. He shall be furnished with a collar, apron and appropriate jewel, which shall be delivered by him to his successor. All appeals to Grand Chapter arising in his District shall be made through him.

**PROCEEDINGS WHERE PETITIONER DOES NOT RESIDE NEAREST TO CHAPTER PETITIONED.**

No. 59. When a petition for the degrees and membership is received by a Chapter other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the petitioner, the Chapter receiving such petition shall, if its place of meeting is located more than nine miles distant from the residence of the petitioner, under its seal, notify a Chapter within this Jurisdiction nearest the place of residence of the petitioner.

Petitioning  
Chapter Other  
Than Nearest.

The notification shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Chapter, and shall contain the full name, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner, giving the number of the Lodge of which he is a member. The Chapter so notified shall cause the notification to be published in full as a part of the notice to members of its next or second stated meeting thereafter, together with the statement that any Companion who deems the petitioner unworthy of receiving the Capitular degrees shall communicate with the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned, whose duty it shall be to promptly advise the Chairman of the investigating committee of all objections received.

Notification  
of Nearest  
Chapter.

The Chapter petitioned shall not act on the petition within ten days after the mailing of the notices to the members of a Chapter nearest the place of residence of the petitioner, as attested by the Secretary of the Chapter notified, under seal of the Chapter, to the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned; provided, however, that in each case the necessity for

Chapter Not to  
Act Within  
Ten Days of  
Notice.

inquiry between Chapters and everything relating thereto is at all times subject to the control and direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

**Two or More  
Chapters in a  
City.**

No. 60. A resident of a city, borough or town in which there are two or more Chapters may apply for degrees and membership to any one of them, and inquiry of the others is not necessary.

**Inquiry Must  
be Made of  
Grand Sec-  
retary.**

No. 61. In all cases it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Chapter receiving a petition for degrees and membership, or for membership only, to inquire of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary if there is anything on the records of Grand Chapter against the petitioner, giving his full name, age, occupation, number of Lodge and residence, as set out in his petition; and, when necessary, stating he does not reside nearest the Chapter to which he has sent his petition, and giving the name and number of the Chapter nearest the residence of the petitioner. A Chapter cannot act on any such petition until it has made the above inquiry and received a favorable reply from the Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

**Petition  
for Member-  
ship Only.**

No. 62. If a petition is presented for membership only, the petitioner must present a certificate under the seal of the Chapter of which he was last a member, or furnish other satisfactory evidence that he is in good Masonic standing, and that he is not a member of any Chapter.

He must also present with his petition a copy of his Mark, and a statement of the body in which, and the date upon which, he received the Mark Degree, together with a description of the Mark, so that it may be recorded in the Book of Marks in case of his election to the Chapter.

No. 63. In all cases in which a Brother petitioning for degrees and membership, or for membership only, is rejected, the Secretary shall record on the minutes of the Chapter the fact of the rejection, and forthwith send notice of the same, under the seal of the Chapter, to the petitioner and to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

In Cases of Rejection.

### COMPLAINTS, TRIALS AND APPEALS.

No. 64. When a charge or charges are made against a Companion, they must be in writing. Each charge must be specific, stating the matter complained of, and to each charge there must be added such special matter, in the nature of a specification, as will bring the subject complained of to the understanding of the Chapter, great care being taken that nothing is put in writing that violates the Landmarks of Freemasonry. After the charge or charges and specifications are prepared by an experienced Companion, or submitted to such for examination as to the special care required, the same shall be presented at a stated meeting of the Chapter and read by the Secretary.

Charges and Appeals.

Reference to  
Trial Com-  
mittee.

No. 65. A motion may then be made to refer the same to a committee of three members to report if a trial is necessary. If, however, the Chapter deems it best, a majority vote shall cause said charge or charges and specifications to be sent to a committee of five members to try the Companion on the same. In each case the Most Excellent High Priest shall appoint the committee, the first-named of which shall be Chairman. The trial shall be conducted in compliance with the prescribed "Form of Trials."

Committee to  
Organize.

No. 66. A committee appointed to try any charge or charges against a Companion shall appoint a secretary, who shall keep full and accurate minutes of its proceedings, obtain from the Secretary of the Chapter the charge or charges and specifications, and be responsible to the Chapter for the safekeeping of the original papers obtained by him or intrusted to his care. The Chairman shall fix a time for the meeting of the committee, naming the day and hour when, and the place where, it will meet.

Summons  
Issue.

No. 67. The Most Excellent High Priest shall then issue a summons, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, notifying the Companion that a charge or charges (a true and correct copy of which, under the seal of the Chapter, shall accompany the summons), have been preferred against him, filed in the Chapter, and referred for trial to a committee composed of five Companions, whose names shall be given, and summoning

him to appear before said committee at the time and place designated in the summons, to make answer to said charge or charges and specifications, and proceed with the trial thereof.

No. 68. This summons shall be served on the Companion accused, by the hand of a Companion, by delivering the same to him personally, if he can be found, not less than ten days before the meeting of the committee; or if he cannot be found, then by leaving the same at his place of residence, as recorded in the book kept by the Secretary of the Chapter of the places of residence of the members.

No. 69. If the accused Companion cannot be found, and has no place of residence that is known, then the Companion selected to serve said summons and copy of charge or charges and specifications shall make a written statement of these facts, and present the same to the committee at its meeting as aforesaid. The committee shall then adjourn to another day and take such measures to have said summons and copy served on the said accused Companion as will enable it to have lawful Masonic information that said summons and copy were served. If at that meeting all reasonable efforts to serve such summons and copy have failed, and no one appears to represent the said accused Companion, the committee shall take all the testimony offered to sustain the charge or charges and specifications and make thereon a report at a stated meeting of the Chapter; whereupon the Chapter

may either proceed to act on such report or postpone action to a stated meeting to be fixed by the Chapter.

**Proceedings  
When Not  
Found.**

No. 70. If, in the meantime, no information has been received as to the place of residence of the accused Companion, and there is no reasonable assurance that he can be served with notice, the Chapter shall proceed to act on the report; provided at least two stated meetings of the Chapter have been held between the meeting at which the committee to try the Companion was appointed and the stated meeting at which final action is had on the report and finding of the committee.

**Proceedings  
When Found.**

No. 71. If the accused Companion is served with said summons and the copy of the charge or charges and specifications, as above provided, and the said Companion appears at the meeting of the said committee and presents good ground for delay, the committee may postpone further action to a day, hour and place certain, of which the said Companion asking for delay shall in writing accept notice, to be filed with the Secretary of the committee. Notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to all parties and witnesses then known to the committee. The Secretary of the committee shall make full and accurate minutes of all these proceedings.

**Hearing.**

No. 72. At the next meeting of the committee, the parties having been notified under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, as each and every notice must be attested, both

as to the day, hour, and place where the said committee will meet, the committee shall proceed to hear all the witnesses for the complainant and for the accused Companion, and reduce their testimony to writing, to be signed by the witnesses.

No. 73. If persons who are not Freemasons are examined as witnesses, their testimony must be taken by depositions, before an officer authorized by law or appointed by the committee. Companions testify on their obligations as Freemasons, and others upon oath or affirmation.

No. 74. After hearing all that may be said by the parties, or a Royal Arch Mason representing either or any of them, each party being allowed a Companion Royal Arch Mason to be present to advise him or them, the committee shall convene privately, and find as to the said charge or charges and specifications, and report their finding to the Chapter.

No. 75. The report of the committee must conclude with a resolution finding the charge or charges and specifications proved or not proved, or proved as to a part of the charges and not proved as to the others, specifying the same.

No. 76. The accused Companion shall have notice of the stated meeting at which the report is to be made to the Chapter, under seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, and he may be present at such meeting, and shall

Witnesses.

Report of Committee.

Resolution.

Accused to Have Notice When Report is to be Made.

have the privilege of addressing the Chapter in the case, but shall retire therefrom before action is had.

Action by  
Chapter.

No. 77. At such stated meeting the committee shall make its report, and then the Chapter shall act on the same as it may deem proper, either at that meeting or the next stated meeting. No further postponement is lawful.

If the resolution of the committee is rejected in whole or in part or adopted in whole or in part, the Chapter must by resolution accurately set forth its action thereon.

Penalty.

No. 78. The penalty to be inflicted for Masonic offences is suspension or expulsion absolutely, and not for any specified period.

Appeal.

No. 79. In case the accused Companion or the complainant shall feel aggrieved by the admission of improper or the rejection of proper evidence, he may at the time except to the ruling of the committee (which ruling and exception shall be entered on the minutes of the committee), and may present his exception to the Chapter in writing, at the time the report of the committee is made, stating briefly the ruling of the committee and the ground of his objections, which is first to be considered; if the action of the committee is reversed, the case shall, without vote, be referred back to the committee for further consideration. In acting upon exceptions, each party may be heard briefly, but general debate

shall not be permitted. If the exceptions are not sustained, the Chapter shall proceed to act upon the report.

No. 80. When the Chapter has finally acted upon the case, the Secretary of the committee shall hand to the Secretary of the Chapter the minutes of the committee, copies of the summons and all the notices served on the Companion and all the original papers intrusted to him.

No. 81. The accused Companion must be informed by the Most Excellent High Priest in writing, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, of the final action of the Chapter in his case, from which he may appeal to Grand Chapter within six months thereafter; and any member of the Chapter or Companion who believes that a wrong has been done to the interests of Freemasonry by the action of the Chapter, may likewise appeal to Grand Chapter within six months thereafter. The appeal, which must conform to the provisions of Article XVIII, shall be sent to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

No. 82. The accused Companion may appeal to Grand Chapter from the final action of the Chapter in his case, within six months thereafter; and any member of the Chapter or any Companion who believes that a wrong has been done to the interests of Freemasonry by the action of the Chapter, may likewise appeal to Grand Chapter within six months thereafter.

Record to go to  
Secretary.

Accused to  
Have Notice  
of Final  
Action.

Appeal to  
Grand Chapter.

**Records to be  
Transmitted to  
Grand Chapter.**

No. 83. If an appeal shall be taken from, or a complaint made of the action of any Chapter, the Secretary shall promptly transmit to Grand Chapter copies of the records and papers pertaining thereto.

**Form of  
Appeal.**

No. 84. The form of appeals in all cases shall be as per form No. 30 or No. 31 or No. 32, as the case may be, and shall be filed with the Most Excellent Grand Secretary within the time prescribed in Regulation No. 82, and within thirty days after the filing thereof. Papers or such as may be necessary in the case shall be filed therewith as follows:

- I. Copy of the original charge or charges and specifications;
- II. Copy of the minutes showing the action of the Chapter thereon;
- III. Copy of the minutes showing the proceedings of the Chapter, as to the trial of the said charge or charges and the appointment of the Committee;
- IV. Copy of all the summonses and of all notices sent to or served on the parties;
- V. Copy of the notices to witnesses, with the names of witnesses;
- VI. Copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee appointed to try the charge or charges; the testimony of the witnesses; and the report of the Committee, with the resolution attached thereto;
- VII. Copy of the minutes showing the action of the Chapter on the resolution of the Committee;

VIII. Copy of the proposed by-law or amendment and the action of the committee on by-laws thereon.

IX. The appeal, stating specifically the grounds on which it is made;

X. The certificate of the Secretary of the Chapter, under its seal, that the said copies are true and correct.

No. 85. The copies required by Regulation No. 84 shall be prepared and filed by the Secretary of the Chapter by direction of the Most Excellent High Priest, and a neglect or refusal to furnish the same within thirty days shall be sufficient cause for a reversal of the proceedings of such Chapter in cases where the appeal is from action of the Chapter. For the extra service of the Secretary in preparing said exhibits, the Chapter may make him such allowance as it shall deem proper.

Secretary to  
Prepare  
Copies.

No. 86. If questions of Masonic Jurisprudence only are involved in the appeal, the appeal and the papers which are to be made part of the exhibit shall be sufficient; otherwise additional testimony, papers or minutes may be required.

Masonic  
Jurisprudence  
When  
Involved.

No. 87. If the appeal is found to be a case which needs additional testimony the committee may make such an order therefor as in its judgment will subserve the ends of Masonic law, right and justice. It is, however, deemed better to omit taking testimony, if the

Additional  
Testimony  
When  
Necessary.

committee can arrive at a clear understanding of the facts from the record and the undisputed statements of the parties.

All to be  
Represented  
Before Com-  
mittee.

No. 88. The appellant, the Chapter, the complainant, and such other parties as the case shall require, may be represented before the committee by any Royal Arch Mason.

Report of  
Committee.

No. 89. The report of the Committee on Appeals shall be presented to Grand Chapter at the next Quarterly Communication after it has been prepared.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Shall Make  
Recommenda-  
tion.

No. 90. The Committee on Finance shall recommend from time to time such measures as it may deem expedient for the collection of the dues, economy of the funds and increase of the revenues of Grand Chapter.

Shall Have  
Access to  
Books and  
Papers.

No. 91. It shall at all times have access to the books and papers of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, the Most Excellent Grand Secretary and other Officers and Committees intrusted with moneys of Grand Chapter.

Fiscal Year.

No. 92. The fiscal year of Grand Chapter shall end with the 20th day of November, and the Officers and Committees of Grand Chapter shall have their books and accounts made up, posted, balanced and ready for examination by the Committee within five days thereafter. The Committee shall audit the same and make report thereon to Grand Chapter.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

No. 93. The following shall be the order of business at all Stated Communications:

- I. Reading the minutes of the last Stated Communication and of any Extra or Special Communication which may have been held.
- II. Communications from subordinate Chapters.
- III. Reports of Standing Committees.
  1. Trustees.
  2. Committee on Jurisprudence.
  3. Committee on Appeals.
  4. Committee on Finance.
  5. Committee on By-Laws.
  6. Committee on Correspondence.
  7. Committee on Charity.
  8. Committee on Printing and Publishing.
- IV. Reports of Special Committees.
- V. Returns of Chapters.
- VI. Unfinished Business.
- VII. New Business.
- VIII. Communications from Companions and others.

No. 94. In all cases, papers or communications shall be referred to standing committees, unless otherwise directed. All reports of standing committees shall be considered approved as read, unless otherwise ordered. Committee Reports.

**Committees  
Disbursing  
Moneys.**

No. 95. Any special committee charged with the disbursement of money of Grand Chapter shall be considered as existing until its accounts have been examined by the Committee on Finance and all the debts contracted by it are shown to have been paid, when, on motion, the committee may be discharged.

**Companions  
Must Address  
Grand High  
Priest.**

No. 96. Each Companion, as he rises to speak, shall address the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. He shall not be interrupted or called to order, except by or through the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. When so called to order, he must resume his seat, but being informed of his default, he may again proceed in his address to Grand Chapter.

**Companions to  
Only Speak  
Twice.**

No. 97. No Companion shall speak more than twice upon any subject under consideration, except by special permission of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

**Companion  
Called to  
Order.**

No. 98. If a Companion is twice called to order at the same Communication and again offends, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest may direct him to leave the Chapter Hall, and see that this direction is complied with before continuing the business of Grand Chapter.

**Proceedings  
on Resolutions.**

No. 99. When any resolution or motion shall be offered or made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Pending its consideration, a motion may be made to amend, stating in what par-

ticular it is proposed to amend it; and an amendment to the amendment may be moved, but until the disposal of such amendment, no further amendment shall be in order. After a vote upon any amendment shall have been taken, it shall not be in order to introduce the same subject under color of a new amendment or as any amendment to a pending amendment. After a vote has been taken upon all the amendments that may have been considered, the vote shall be taken upon the resolution or motion as it may then be, including the amendments that have been adopted. Pending the consideration of such resolution or motion, no motion shall be in order except to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time or to commit, all of which shall be determined without debate. A motion to amend, to postpone or to commit, may be laid upon the table without removing the pending resolution or motion from before Grand Chapter. No other dilatory or evasive motion shall be permitted.

No. 100. What is known as "Parliamentary Law," or conventional systems for regulating the proceedings of deliberative assemblages, do not apply to Grand Chapter.

Parliamentary  
Law Not to  
Apply.

No. 101. The "previous question," by which a vote would be forced upon Grand Chapter, shall not be permitted.

Previous  
Question.

No. 102. There is no "privileged question" in Grand Chapter, but any Companion may

No Privileged  
Question.

ask the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to allow him to be heard on a question or a subject which involves the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of the Fraternity or the proceedings of a Subordinate Chapter.

Matters Determined by Majority.

No. 103. All matters in Grand Chapter not otherwise provided for shall be determined by a majority of those voting, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest or in his absence the Presiding Officer, in case of a tie having the casting vote.

Vote to be Taken.

No. 104. When a debate on any question has been allowed to fully explain or discuss it, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest may direct the vote to be taken, unless a resolution is adopted postponing the further discussion to another Communication of Grand Chapter.

Vote Viva Voce.

No. 105. The vote may be taken *viva voce*. A vote by yeas and nays shall not be allowed. A vote by Chapters may be called as provided in Section 5 of Article IX, but a standing vote may be required by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest or by three members of Grand Chapter.

### VISITORS.

To be Admitted on Voucher.

No. 106. A visitor unknown to the Most Excellent High Priest may be admitted to a Chapter on the voucher of a Companion present, or after examination. Visitors known to the Most Excellent High Priest may be admitted by him at his pleasure.

No. 107. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the elective officers of Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, and the District Deputy Grand High Priests in their respective districts, shall have the right to visit a Chapter at any of its meetings, and must be admitted at their pleasure.

**Elective Grand  
Officers and  
District Depu-  
ties May Visit  
at Any  
Meeting.**



# DIGEST OF DECISIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

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## Altar.

There can be but one altar in a Mark Master Mason's Lodge, Most Excellent Master Mason's Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, and that the use of any additional altars for conferring degrees is prohibited.

1919.

## Ballot.

Neither the M. E. Grand High Priest nor the Grand Chapter can interfere with the right of ballot. If a member uses the black ball unjustly he is subjected to Masonic charge and trial.

1890.

## Book of the Law.

Decided, that the Book of the Law as used by the Chapters should consist of the Ten Commandments written or printed in Hebrew Characters on a parchment or scroll. In order to have uniformity throughout the Jurisdiction I called in all Books of the Law and furnished each Chapter with a correct copy.

1923.

## Book of Marks.

That the use of a loose leaf Mark Book is permitted, provided that the kind used is one that can be securely locked, and made practically as permanent as a bound book.

1920.

## Chapter Hall.

It is not lawful for the Chapter Hall to be used for social purposes. Nor can the Chapter as such hold a meeting anywhere at which there are present any except Royal Arch Masons.

1905.

**Conferring Degrees.**

It is required that three Royal Arch Masons shall be present to open a Chapter. The degree cannot be conferred unless six Royal Arch Masons are present. The warrant must, in every case, be present. 1884.

The M. E. Grand High Priest has power to confer the Capitular degrees upon a petitioner without the formal method of a report from a Committee of Inquiry and a ballot. 1884.

All degrees must be conferred in full. 1888.

M. E. High Priests are forbidden from abridging any of the lectures in the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry. A custom prevails in some Chapters to omit parts of lectures, particularly in the Royal Arch degree, which custom must cease. 1894.

Decided, that a petitioner who presented himself for degrees on the last night he is entitled to them under the Constitution, but does not receive them because of the absence of the Officers, may receive them at the next meeting, since he has complied with the requirements of the Constitution in presenting himself.

1911.

**Conferring Degrees out of Time.**

A Chapter having in two instances conferred degrees on petitioners twelve and fifteen months respectively after the limit of time prescribed by the Constitution, the M. E. Grand High Priest refused to heal the irregularities, and directed the names of the petitioners to be stricken from the roll of members.

1889.

If an approved petitioner presents himself within six months and cannot receive the degrees by reason of there being no meeting of the Chapter, the degrees can be conferred upon him at the next meeting thereafter. 1893.

In two instances I have directed that the name of a Brother be stricken from the roll of a Chapter because the degree of Mark Master Mason had been conferred upon him more than

six months after his approval, in violation of the provisions of Article XVI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, and in another instance I have declared void the exaltation of a Brother to the Royal Arch Degree because it had been done within four weeks from the time he had the degree of Mark Master Mason conferred upon him, in violation of the provision of Article XV, Section 9, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

1918.

### Debt.

Money subscribed and paid to assist in the formation of a New Chapter (such money being used exclusively for Masonic purposes) cannot be credited on dues or life membership. A Chapter must be constituted free of debt; hence all subscriptions must be treated as gifts or voluntary contributions.

1907.

### Dues.

That where the By-Laws of a Chapter provide for annual dues payable in advance, there can be no division of the annual payment. A member resigning during the year must pay the full annual dues.

1920.

### Election.

A Chapter cannot elect one of its members to office whose permanent residence is outside of this Jurisdiction. 1872.

A vote cast, if even in error, at an election of officers cannot be changed after the ballot has been declared closed.

1884.

### Failure to Report.

The failure of a Committee appointed to investigate the character and standing of a petitioner for degrees and membership to report within four months, as provided by the Constitution of Grand Chapter (Article XVI, Section 3), is equivalent to an unfavorable report, and should be declared a rejection by the Most Excellent High Priest and so reported to the M. E. Grand Secretary. The Most Excellent High Priest has power to ap-

point a new Committee in case of failure of the one appointed to perform its duty, and he should not allow a failure to report to occur merely through negligence of the Committee.

1918-1923.

### Funds.

The Funds of a Chapter cannot be used to defray the expenses for refreshments for a mixed Company. 1905.

### Installation.

All elective officers must be installed annually, no matter how many times they have been re-elected. 1892.

### Jurisdiction.

Distance from the residence of a petitioner to the nearest Chapter must be measured on a straight line, without regard to roads or lines of communication.

It is an axiom in Pennsylvania that where a man has been made a Mason without a strict compliance with the law, his making is illegal. 1890.

Permission to waive Jurisdiction in the case of an applicant who has been rejected in a Chapter in this Jurisdiction, and who desired to present a petition to a Chapter in another Jurisdiction, was refused until the objection was first removed by the objecting Chapter.

Permission was granted to Chapters in other Jurisdictions to receive and act upon the petitions of residents of Pennsylvania when properly qualified; but in case the applicant was a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, and had not passed the Chair according to our usage, permission was refused.

1891-1893.

A Chapter cannot grant permission to a Chapter of another Jurisdiction to receive and act upon a petition from a resident of its immediate vicinity, but must, on the receipt of a communication asking such permission, forward the same to the M. E. Grand High Priest, who alone has power to act in such a case.

1893.

**Marks.**

The Mark must be recorded in the Mark Lodge in which the Brother has received the degree of Mark Master Mason, and within the time specified. 1884.

All Mark Master Masons are required to adopt and record their marks with the Secretary of their Lodge or Chapter within four months from the date of receiving the Mark Master's degree. 1886.

The Signers to a petition for a Warrant for a new Chapter must present with the petition copies of their Marks, they necessarily seeking membership in a New Chapter. 1908.

**Meetings.**

A Chapter having decided not to omit the stated meetings in July and August, such meetings cannot be dispensed with at the will and pleasure of the M. E. High Priest. 1889.

**Minutes.**

Communications under seal, from Grand Chapter, the M. E. Grand High Priest, or the M. E. Grand Secretary, must be spread in full upon the minutes. The Chapter or Lodge has no control over said Communications, therefore a motion concerning the same is not permissible. 1896.

Decided that the use of a typewriter for recording the Minutes of a Chapter is permitted, provided a Bound Book is used and the work done by a Royal Arch Mason.

1920.

**Notices.**

Mark Lodge and Chapter notices must be mailed or delivered to the members in separate envelopes, exclusive of notices of other bodies.

1919.

That the use of Postal Cards for sending out notices of a Chapter meeting is prohibited.

1920.

That all Chapter notices containing the names of petitioners must be enclosed in sealed envelopes.

1920.

### Objections.

An objection in writing cannot be filed with the Secretary of a Chapter against a person whose petition is not in the possession of the Chapter.

1890.

Objections to a Brother receiving the Capitular Degree may be filed by one or more Royal Arch Masons with the Most Excellent Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter, but nowhere else. The reason for the objection need not be stated, but the full name, Chapter membership and exact and correct residence of the Companion or Companions filing the objections must be given and recorded with the objection.

1918.

Should the Brother objected to have pending or subsequently present a petition, the M. E. Grand Secretary, upon receipt of inquiry concerning the same, will notify the Most Excellent High Priest of the Chapter petitioned of such objection, giving him the full name and residence of the Companion or Companions who filed the objection or objections, which he should present at once to the Committee appointed to investigate the character and fitness for advancement of the petitioner.

1918.

The Committee should immediately communicate with the Companion or Companions who filed the objection and give him or them an opportunity to sustain the objection. If the Committee find that the objection is sustained by good and sufficient evidence and that it is a valid Masonic objection they should report unfavorably upon the petition. If the Committee find that the objection is not sustained or that it is not a valid Masonic objection they should ignore it, and if there is no other valid objection to the petitioner they should report favorably upon the petition.

1918.

### Officers.

No Companion can hold more than one elective office in a subordinate Chapter at the same time; but the Treasurer or the Secretary (if a Past High Priest) may be elected its Representative, or the M. E. High Priest may be elected to fill a vacancy.

1895.

### Petition.

With the consent of a majority of the members present at any stated meeting of the Chapter, a petition for degrees and membership may be withdrawn at any time within four months after its presentation after a favorable report thereon, or at any time within six months after a favorable ballot thereon.

1918.

### Physical Qualifications.

After very careful consideration, and with all due respect to the expressed opinions of my predecessors, I have reached the conclusion that physical perfection as a qualification for initiation into Freemasonry is a landmark applying only to the making of Free Masons. It has never been considered a bar to advancement at any other point except initiation into a Mark Lodge or Chapter, and its application at that point is quite recent. I have therefore decided that the qualifications necessary for initiation into Capitular Masonry are fully set forth in Article XVI, Section 1, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:

“A petitioner for the Capitular degrees or for membership shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, in good standing with the Fraternity, a member of a Lodge of Master Masons and capable of performing all the work in the degrees he applies for.”

1917.

### Recommender.

A Companion recommending a petitioner for membership must, by examination or proper avouchment, ascertain if the petitioner has received all the Capitular Degrees required by the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

1909.

A Companion recommending a petitioner for degrees and membership must have Masonic information that the applicant is a Master Mason and has been passed to the Chair. A recommendation, without such knowledge, is a Masonic offence.

1909.

### Representatives.

A M. E. High Priest can be Representative of his Chapter, but his election must be subsequent to his installation as M. E. High Priest (to fill a vacancy). He cannot be elected M. E. High Priest and Representative at the same meeting.

1894.

### Resignations.

A Chapter cannot refuse to receive the resignation of a member who has paid all his dues and against whom no charge is pending.

1884.

An officer of a Chapter cannot resign his office or membership, he having obligated himself to serve for the Masonic year.

1894.

### Restoration.

Restoration to membership of a suspended Royal Arch Mason, either in his Chapter or Mark Lodge, does not restore the official relation which may have existed in either body at the time of suspension. Office can be again acquired only by election or appointment.

1896.

A Chapter should not restore a Companion suspended for non-payment of dues to good Masonic standing, and subsequently restore him to membership.

Restoration to membership *includes* good Masonic standing, and one restored to good Masonic standing can be subsequently admitted to membership only upon petition and ballot.

1897.

### Stated Meetings.

Refused an application of a Chapter to hold a stated meeting and elect officers upon a day other than that fixed by its By-Laws (Christmas). I considered it a dangerous precedent to establish.

1893.

Decided, that the By-Laws fixing the time of meeting of a Chapter were adopted according to what is commonly known as Eastern Standard time, and could not be changed by local ordinances which fixed what is called "daylight saving time" for a part of the year. That all Capitular bodies in Pennsylvania should meet according to Eastern Standard time.

1923.

### Summons.

A summons is not intended to be used as a means of collecting debts. The right to summon is within the province of the Chapter or Mark Lodge, and is too important a process to be used except in extreme cases, and when so used should be rigidly enforced.

1884.

### Suspensions.

In the case of the suspension and taking up of the warrant of a Lodge by order of the Grand Master, it was decided that, as the Master Masons were suspended, the members of the Chapter who were members of the suspended Lodge were suspended in their rights as Royal Arch Masons.

1890.

### Vails.

The Chapter Hall being a representation of the Tabernacle, the Vails must reach from wall to wall. It is not permitted to erect a Tabernacle within the Chapter walls.

1889.

### Visitors.

Decided, that a Companion who is a member of a Chapter in another Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal relations, which Jurisdiction does not confer the degree of Past Master nor give the word of the Chair, shall with the approval of the officers and members be permitted to visit any Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

1922.



# APPENDIX



# ANCIENT CHARGES, CEREMONIES AND FORMS

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## SECTION I.

### PRAYERS.

#### No. 1.

##### *Prayer to be used at Opening.*

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, Thou Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, Who art the Giver of all good gifts and graces, and hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them: In Thy Name we assemble and meet together, most humbly beseeching Thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve Thee aright, that all our doings may tend to Thy glory and the salvation of our souls. Amen.

*Response by the Companions:* So mote it be.

#### No. 2.

##### *Prayer to be used at Closing.*

May the blessings of Heaven rest on us, and on all regular Royal Arch [Mark Master or Most Excellent Master] Masons! May we practice out of the Chapter [Lodge] those principles of religion and morality we are taught within it. May every moral and social virtue cement us in the bonds of peace and fraternal love, and procure Thy gracious favor, O blessed Lord God, Who livest and reignest in indescribable glory and happiness, forever and ever. Amen.

*Response by the Companions:* So mote it be.

## No. 3.

The following Prayer may be used at the exaltation of a Royal Arch Mason, or omitted at the discretion of the High Priest.

O Thou Eternal and Omnipotent JEHOVAH, the glorious and everlasting I AM, permit us, Thy frail and dependent creatures, to approach Thy Divine Majesty, and vouchsafe to commune with us from Thy mercy-seat. We humbly adore Thine unspeakable perfections, and Thine unbounded goodness and benevolence. We bless Thee that Thy hand hath been outstretched over us for our protection and defence. And O Thou, who didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant Moses in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in each of our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of love to each other, and of charity to all mankind. And finally, O Merciful Father, when the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, may we be admitted into the presence of the Grand Council of Heaven where the Supreme High Priest forever presides—forever reigns. Amen.

*Response by the Companions:* So mote it be.

## SECTION II.

## CHARGES.

**1. Charge at Opening a Mark Master Masons' Lodge.**

Wherefore, Brethren, lay aside all malice, and guile, and hypocrisy, and envy, and all evil speaking.

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious, to whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious; ye, also, as living stones, be ye built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up sacrifices acceptable to God.

Wherefore, also, it is contained in the Scriptures: Behold, I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste to pass it over. Unto you, therefore, which believe, it is an honor; and even to them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

Brethren, this is the will of God, that with well-doing ye put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God.

**2. Charge to a Mark Master Mason.**

BROTHER:

I congratulate you on having been thought worthy of being advanced to this honorable degree of Masonry. Let me impress it upon your mind that your assiduity should ever be commensurate with your duty, which becomes more and more extensive as you advance in Masonry.

In the honorable character of a Mark Master Mason, it is more particularly your duty to endeavor to let your conduct in the Lodge, and among your brethren, be such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, that you may not, like the unfinished and imperfect work of the negligent and unfaithful of former times, be rejected and thrown aside, as unfit for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

While such is your conduct—should misfortunes assail you, should friends forsake you, should envy traduce your good name, and malice persecute you, yet may you have confidence that among Mark Master Masons you will find friends who will administer relief to your distresses and comfort in your afflictions, ever bearing in mind, as a consolation under all the frowns of fortune, and as an encouragement to hope for better prospects, that the stone which the builders rejected—possessing merits to them unknown—became the chief stone of the corner.

**3. Charge to a Most Excellent Master Mason.**

BROTHER :

Your advancement to this degree of Masonry is a proof of the good opinion the brethren of this Lodge entertain of your Masonic abilities. Let this consideration induce you to be careful of forfeiting, by misconduct and inattention to our rules, that esteem which has raised you to the rank you now hold.

It is one of your great duties as a Most Excellent Master, to dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason; and I need not remind you of the impossibility of complying with this obligation without possessing an accurate acquaintance with the lectures of each degree. If you are not already completely conversant in all the degrees heretofore conferred upon you, remember that an indulgence, prompted by the belief that you will apply yourself with double diligence to make yourself so, has induced the brethren to accept you. Let it, therefore, be your unremitting study to acquire such a degree of knowledge and information as shall enable you to discharge with propriety the various duties incumbent on you, and to preserve unsullied the title now conferred upon you of a Most Excellent Master Mason.

**4. Charge to a Royal Arch Mason.**

COMPANION :

By the consent and assistance of the members of this Chapter, you are now exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Mason.

The rites and mysteries developed in this degree have been handed down through a chosen few, unchanged by time and uncontrolled by prejudice; and we expect and trust they will be regarded by you with the same veneration, and transmitted with the same scrupulous purity to your successors. No one can reflect on the ceremonies of gaining admission into this place without being forcibly struck with the important lessons which they teach.

Here we are necessarily led to contemplate with gratitude and admiration the sacred source whence all earthly comforts flow; here we find additional inducements to continue steadfast and immovable in the discharge of our respective duties; and here we are bound, by the most solemn ties, to promote each other's welfare and correct each other's failings, by advice, admonition and reproof.

As it is our most earnest desire, and a duty we owe to our Companions of this Fraternity, that the admission of every candidate into this Chapter should be attended by the approbation of the most scrutinizing eye, we hope always to possess the satisfaction of finding none among us but such as will promote, to the utmost of their power, the great end of our Institution.

By paying due attention to this determination, we expect you will never recommend any candidate to this Chapter whose abilities and knowledge of the preceding degrees you cannot fully vouch for, and whom you do not firmly and confidently believe will conform to the principles of our Fraternity, and fulfill the obligations of a Royal Arch Mason.

While such are our members, we may expect to be united in our object, without lukewarmness, inattention, or neglect; but zeal, fidelity and affection will be the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry, and that satisfaction, harmony and peace may be enjoyed at our meetings, which no other Fraternity can afford.

## SECTION III.

**MANNER OF CONSTITUTING A ROYAL  
ARCH CHAPTER,****And the Ceremonies of Installation.**

Having complied with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, the Companions who have applied for a Warrant for the new Chapter, with the officers chosen by them, will, upon the day and at the hour appointed for constituting the new Chapter, assemble in the Chapter Hall.

The M. E. Grand High Priest (or the Companion whom he may have duly authorized for the purpose, and who shall be styled, for the time being, Acting M. E. Grand High Priest), with his Officers, will meet at a convenient place near the Chapter Hall upon the day and at the hour appointed.

The Companions of the new Chapter, when notified that the Grand Officers are in waiting, shall send one of their number to the M. E. Grand High Priest with the following address:

**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:**

The Companions assembled in the Chapter Hall have instructed me to inform you that The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, having granted them a warrant to open and hold a Chapter in the , they are desirous that the Chapter should be constituted, and the officers installed, agreeably to the Ancient Usages and Customs of Freemasonry, for which purpose they are now assembled by your order, and await your pleasure.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall answer:

**COMPANION:**

Be pleased to inform the Companions now assembled, that the M. E. Grand High Priest and his Officers shall forthwith attend them to comply with their desires.

The messenger shall return to the Chapter Hall, and report the answer of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Hall will be opened and untyled, all the Companions present quietly seated, the chairs of the officers remaining vacant, the Officers and Companions of the Chapter to be constituted seated in the north-east part of the hall.

### Instrumental Music.

March—while the Officers of Grand Chapter enter the Chapter Hall.  
[For order of procession see Section IV, Appendix.]

When the Officers of the Grand Chapter enter the Companions shall rise and remain standing until the Officers take their respective stations. Grand Chapter will then be opened in Ancient and Solemn Form, after which the GRAND CHAPLAIN shall make the following

### Invocation.

Almighty and Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth! Who is there in Heaven but Thee, and who upon earth can stand in competition with Thee! Thine *Omniscient* Mind brings in review all things, past, present, and to come; Thine *Omnipotent* Arm directs the movements of the vast creation; Thine *Omnipresent* Eye pervades the secret recesses of every heart; Thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment, and Thine unspeakable perfections and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men! Our Father who art in Heaven, we invoke Thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. Let this Chapter be established to Thine honor; let its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern, and fidelity to pursue its true interests; let its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind. Let this Chapter be consecrated to Thy glory, and its members ever exemplify their love to God by their beneficence to man.

Glory be to God on high.

*Response by the Companions:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

The GRAND MARSHAL shall then direct the Officers of the new Chapter to form in front of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and the Companions form in their rear.

The M. E. GRAND KING shall rise and address the M. E. Grand High Priest, as follows:

**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:**

A number of Companions, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor, and propa-

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gating the principles of the Royal Art, applied to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania for a Warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a Warrant having been granted, they are now here assembled for the purpose of having the Chapter constituted, and its officers installed in due and ancient form.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall say:

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND KING:

Have these Companions complied with the requirements of the Grand Chapter, and are the officers chosen well skilled in the noble science and the Royal Art?

The M. E. GRAND KING shall reply:

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

The Companions have all the clothing and necessary furniture, and the officers selected have proved their proficiency in the Royal Art.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then address the Companions:

COMPANIONS:

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania having been pleased to grant a Warrant to you, Companions of , for a new Chapter, conferring on you the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Chapter, I will now, with pleasure, proceed to comply with your request.

And then addressing the M. E. GRAND SECRETARY shall say:

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY:

Read the Warrant granted by Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for the constitution of Chapter No. .

The M. E. GRAND SECRETARY shall then read the Warrant, after which the Companions shall sing the following

**Anthem.**

Unto Thee, great God, belong  
Mystic rites and sacred song ;  
Lowly bending at Thy shrine,  
We hail Thy Majesty divine.

Glorious Architect above,  
Source of light and Source of love,  
Here Thy light and love prevail,  
Hail ! Almighty Master, hail !

The GRAND CHAPLAIN shall then make the following

**Invocation.**

Most Holy and Glorious GOD, Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all worlds, vouchsafe, from Thy celestial Temple in realms of light and glory, to bless us in this our present undertaking. We humbly pray Thee to grant Wisdom in all our doings, Strength in all our difficulties, and the Beauty of Harmony in all our communications.

Grant, O Lord, that those who are now about to be invested with the government of this Chapter may be endued with wisdom to instruct the Companions in all their duties.

Make brotherly love, charity and truth always prevail among the members of this new Chapter, and may those bonds of union continue to strengthen the Chapters throughout the world.

Finally, may we finish all our work here below with Thine approbation, and then have our transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly Temple above, there to enjoy light, glory and bliss, ineffable and eternal.

Glory be to God on High.

*Response by the Companions:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. So mote it be. Amen.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then say :

**COMPANIONS :**

By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my respected Companions, into a regular Royal Arch Chapter.

From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, a Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain, conforming in all your doings to the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. And may the God of your fathers be with you, and guide and direct you in all your doings.

The GRAND CHAPLAIN shall then offer the following  
Prayer.

Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Who shall not fear Thee, O Thou eternal and omnipotent JEHOVAH, the glorious and everlasting I AM. For Thou only art holy. By Thy *wisdom* may these Companions be directed, by Thy *strength* may they be enabled, and by the *beauty of virtue* may they be incited to perform the obligations herein enjoined upon them, and invariably to practice all those duties *out of* the Chapter which are inculcated in it. Amen.

*Response by the Companions:* So mote it be.

#### Music (either instrumental or vocal).

The Officers and Companions shall then resume their seats.

The Officers of the new Chapter shall present the jewels and clothing of their respective offices to the M. E. High Priest, who will present them with his own to the Grand Marshal.

The M. E. GRAND KING shall leave his station, take upon his right the M. E. High Priest of the new Chapter and present him in front of the station of the M. E. Grand High Priest, whom he will address as follows:

#### Most EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

I present you my worthy Companion , to be installed M. E. High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and I have therefore no doubt he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity towards his Chapter, and in strict conformity with the requirements of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, addressing the Companions of the new Chapter, shall say:

COMPANIONS:

Do you remain satisfied with your choice?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then address the M. E. High Priest:

COMPANION:

Previous to your installation and investiture, it is necessary that you should give your unequivocal assent to certain questions which will now be proposed to you relative to the duties of your office.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of your Companions, who have attained this supreme degree?

2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened, unless there be present three regular Royal Arch Masons? Nor the degree conferred unless there be present six Royal Arch Masons?

3. That you will never suffer either more or less than three Brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time?

4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, and who has not made considerable proficiency in the preceding degrees?

5. That you will promote the general good of Royal Arch Masonry, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the Grand Officers?

6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions?

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional Warrant or Dispensation?

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been exalted in a Chapter lawfully constituted, without his first being healed?

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, they being in conformity with the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania?

10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter?

11. That you will support and observe the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act?

12. That you will be regular in attendance on the Committees and Communications of the Grand Chapter on receiving proper notice, and pay attention to all the duties of Royal Arch Masonry on convenient occasions?

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

These questions being answered in the affirmative, then follows

### Music.

The GRAND CHAPLAIN shall offer the following

### Prayer.

Most holy and glorious Lord God, Thou great High Priest of Heaven and Earth,

We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this new Chapter. Fill his heart with Thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy glory. Make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors; may he teach Thy judgments and Thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before Thee, upon Thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto Thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear Thou from heaven, Thy dwelling place, and forgive our transgressions.

Glory be to God on high.

*Response by the Companions:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, addressing the M. E. High Priest, shall say:

COMPANION:

In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence in, and promise of conformity to, the Ancient Charges and Regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, you are now to be installed M. E. High Priest of this new Chapter, in full confidence of your care, skill and capacity to govern the same.

All the Companions present who are not Past High Priests who have had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon them will then withdraw for a short time. During their absence the M. E. High Priest will be installed, and the Order of High Priesthood will be conferred upon him in Ancient Form, and he will then be invested with his robes of office, Jewel, etc.

The Companions who retired will then return and take their seats. During their entrance, instrumental music will be rendered.

After which the M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall address the M. E. High Priest as follows:

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION:

It is incumbent upon me, on this occasion, to point out some of the particulars appertaining to your office, duty and dignity.

All lawfully constituted bodies of Royal Arch Masons are called Royal Arch Chapters, as regular bodies of Masons of the preceding degrees are called Lodges. Every Royal Arch Chapter must consist of a M. E. High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vails, Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremonies, Pursuivant and Tyler, and such other officers and as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage.

The M. E. High Priest of every Royal Arch Chapter shall see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of Grand Chapter, are duly observed; that all the officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective offices faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that the Treasurer keeps and renders exact and just accounts of all the moneys belonging to the Chapter; that true and accurate minutes of all the

proceedings of the Chapter are kept by the Secretary; that regular returns be made annually to Grand Chapter; and that the annual dues to Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. He has the right and authority to call his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require a meeting. It is his duty, together with the King and Scribe, to attend the meetings of Grand Chapter, and the well-being of the institution requires that this duty should on no account be omitted.

The office of M. E. High Priest is a station highly honorable to those who diligently perform the important duties pertaining to it. By a frequent perusal of the Constitution and general regulations, and a constant study of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best enabled to fulfill those duties, and I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to preside with you will add strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions.

Let the *mitre*, with which you are invested, remind you of the dignity of the office, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

The *breastplate*, with which you are decorated, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the Twelve Tribes, and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the institution, and that the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members should always be near your heart.

The various colors of the *robes* you wear are emblematic of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind, each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the charges to be delivered to your subordinate officers.

You will present your officers severally to me for installation.

The M. E. High Priest will present the King chosen by the members of the new Chapter, and standing upon his right, shall address the M. E. Grand High Priest, as follows (the same form shall be observed by him in presenting all the officers) :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

I present to you Companion , who has been chosen King of this new Chapter.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall say:

COMPANIONS:

Do you remain satisfied with your choice?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then address the King, saying:

COMPANION:

Have you attended to the ancient charges and regulations assented to by the M. E. High Priest, and do you fully and freely assent to the same?

An affirmative answer having been given, the M. E. Grand High Priest shall then direct the M. E. Grand King to install the King and invest him with his robes of office, etc.

After which the M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall address the King, as follows:

#### Charge to the King.

COMPANION:

The important station to which you have been chosen in this Chapter requires from you exemplary conduct; its duties demand your most assiduous attention; you are to second and support the High Priest in all the requirements of his office, and should circumstances at any time prevent his attendance you are to perform his duties.

The *scarlet robe*, an emblem of imperial dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for the welfare of your Chapter, and the *fervency* and *zeal* with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

In presenting to you the *crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes, and that to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

You are entitled to the second seat in the council of your Companions. Let the bright example of your illustrious predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties, and when the King of Kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, may you receive from his hand a *crown of glory* which shall never fade away.

The King shall then resume his seat, and the M. E. High Priest of the Chapter shall present the Scribe to the M. E. Grand High Priest, saying:

**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:**

I present to you Companion \_\_\_\_\_, who has been chosen Scribe of this new Chapter.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall say:

**COMPANIONS:**

Do you remain satisfied with your choice?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then address the Scribe, saying:

**COMPANION:**

Have you attended to the Ancient Charges and Regulations assented to by the M. E. High Priest, and do you fully and freely assent to the same?

An affirmative answer having been given, the M. E. Grand High Priest shall then direct the M. E. Grand Scribe to install the Scribe and invest him with his robes of office, etc.

After which the M. E. Grand High Priest shall address the Scribe as follows:

**Charge to the Scribe.**

**COMPANION:**

The office of Scribe, to which you have been chosen, is very important. In the absence of the King you are to perform his duties, and in the absence of the M. E. High Priest and King you are to perform the duties of the M. E. High Priest. The purposes of the institution ought never to suffer for want of intelligence in its proper officers; you will therefore perceive the necessity of your possessing such qualifica-

tions as will enable you to discharge the duties which are incumbent upon you, in your station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve upon you by the absence of your superiors.

The *purple robe*, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim, and to this end you are to studiously avoid all occasions of giving offence, or countenancing anything that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among the several members of the Masonic family, and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord whenever they may appear.

The Scribe shall then resume his seat.

[NOTE.—The installation of the Treasurer and Secretary may be omitted at the time of the constitution of the Chapter, at the discretion of the M. E. Grand High Priest.]

The M. E. High Priest of the Chapter shall present the Treasurer to the M. E. Grand High Priest, saying:

**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:**

I present to you Companion , who has been chosen Treasurer of this new Chapter.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall say:

**COMPANIONS:**

Do you remain satisfied with your choice?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then direct the M. E. Grand Treasurer to install him, and invest him with the proper clothing.

After his installation and investiture, the M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall address the Treasurer as follows:

### Charge to the Treasurer.

**COMPANION:**

You are now invested with the Jewel of your office as Treasurer of this Chapter. The qualities which should distinguish a Treasurer are *accuracy* and *fidelity*—accuracy in

keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Chapter that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same, whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect for the institution, your attachment to the interests of your Chapter, and your regard for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

The Treasurer will then resume his seat, and the M. E. High Priest of the Chapter will present the Secretary to the M. E. Grand High Priest, saying:

**Most EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:**

I present to you Companion \_\_\_\_\_, who has been chosen Secretary of this new Chapter.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall say:

**COMPANIONS:**

Do you remain satisfied with your choice?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then direct the M. E. Grand Secretary to install the Secretary, and invest him with the proper clothing.

After his installation and investiture, the M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall address the Secretary, as follows:

#### **Charge to the Secretary.**

**COMPANION:**

You are now invested with the Jewel of your office as Secretary of this Chapter. The qualities which should distinguish a Secretary are *promptitude* in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers; *punctuality* in attending the meetings of the Chapter; *correctness* in recording its proceedings; *judgment* in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; *regularity* in making his returns to Grand Chapter; *integrity* in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands; and *fidelity* in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has influenced the Companions to select you for this important office, and I cannot enter-

tain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Chapter and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial Grand Chapter of saints and angels, and find your name recorded in the book of life eternal.

The Secretary will then resume his seat.

If time will admit, and the M. E. Grand High Priest desires, he may deliver such charges as he may think proper to the Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Masters of the Vails, and other officers, who shall in such case be separately presented to him in the order of their rank.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then deliver the following

### Address to the M. E. High Priest.

(Who, when addressed, will arise.)

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION:

You have been duly installed Most Excellent High Priest of this Chapter. The station you are called to fill is important, not only as it respects the correct practice of our rites and ceremonies, and the internal economy of the Chapter over which you preside, but the public reputation of the institution will be generally found to rise or fall according to the skill, fidelity and discretion with which its concerns are managed, and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable.

You have accepted a trust to which is attached a weight of responsibility that will require all your efforts to discharge honorably to yourself and satisfactorily to the Chapter. You are to see that your officers are capable and faithful in the fulfillment of their duties. You are to watch carefully the progress of their performances, and to see that the long-established customs of the institution suffer no derangement in their hands. You are to exercise careful supervision over the Chapter; to see that due order and subordination are observed on all occasions; that the members are properly instructed; that due solemnity be observed in the practice of our rites; that no improper levity be permitted at any time, but more especially at the introduction of strangers among the workmen.

In fine, you are to be an example to your officers and members, which they need not hesitate to follow, thus securing to yourself the favor of Heaven and the applause of your Brethren and Companions.

### Address to the Officers.

(Who will arise.)

#### COMPANIONS:

Precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties which you are required to teach others, you should never neglect to practice yourselves.

Do you desire that the demeanor of your equals and inferiors toward you should be marked with deference and respect? Be sure that you omit no opportunity of furnishing them with examples in your own conduct toward your superiors. Do you desire to obtain instruction from those who are wiser or better informed than yourselves? Be sure that you are always ready to impart of your knowledge to those within your sphere who stand in need of and are entitled to receive it. Do you desire distinction among your Companions? Be sure that your claims to preferment are founded upon superior attainments. Let no ambition induce you to envy or supplant a Companion who may be considered better qualified for promotion than yourselves, but rather let a laudable emulation induce you to strive to excel each other in improvement and discipline, ever remembering that he who faithfully performs his duty, even in a subordinate or private station, is as justly entitled to esteem and respect as he who is invested with supreme authority.

### Address to the New Chapter.

(The members will arise.)

#### COMPANIONS:

You have now been regularly constituted into a Royal Arch Chapter, and the officers duly installed.

May your Chapter become beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the ark, and sacred as the most Holy place. May your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct

acceptable as the offering. May the exercises of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support. May you be endowed with every good and perfect gift while traveling the rugged path of life, and be finally admitted within the veil of Heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal. Amen.

*Response by the Companions:* So mote it be.

The officers and members of the new Chapter shall then pass three times in review in front of the Grand Officers, with their arms crossed on their breasts, the ends of the fingers pointing to and near the shoulders, the right arm outermost, bowing as they pass.

The M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then direct the Grand Marshal to make proclamation.

The GRAND MARSHAL shall then make proclamation as follows:

In the name of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, I proclaim this new Chapter, by the name of                      Royal Arch Chapter, No.                   , to be regularly constituted, and its officers duly installed.

Proclamation having been made by the Grand Marshal, the Companions shall sing the following

#### Anthem.

With one consent let all the earth  
To God their cheerful voices raise ;  
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,  
And sing before Him songs of praise.

For He's the Lord supremely good,  
His mercy is forever sure ;  
His truth, which always firmly stood,  
To endless ages shall endure.

The Grand Chapter shall then be closed, and the GRAND CHAPLAIN shall offer the following

#### Prayer.

Supreme Architect of the Universe, Almighty JEHOVAH, Thou great I AM, we render Thee thanksgiving and praise

for the Masonic institution, as members of which we have at this time been assembled, and for Thy protection and aid afforded us in the important work we have just completed.

We thank Thee that the occasion of solemnly constituting and installing this new branch of the Masonic family has afforded us fresh inducements, and laid us under stronger obligations to the practice of virtue and morality, and to the observation of all Thy precepts and commandments.

May these obligations, O Thou infinite JEHOVAH, have their full influence and effect upon our minds.

Teach us, we pray Thee, true reverence for Thy great and mighty name; inspire us with firm and unshaken resolution in every virtuous pursuit.

May the solemnities of this day increase our love of Masonry, and tend to the improvement of our conversation and conduct in the Chapter, and in our walk through life.

And as Thou didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant Moses, in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of brotherly kindness to each other, and of charity to all mankind.

And now to Thee, King immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be everlasting glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

*Response by the Companions:* So mote it be.

The Grand Officers shall then retire, the Companions standing in silence until the Grand Officers have left the room.

Such instrumental or vocal music as may be deemed appropriate may be introduced during the progress of the ceremonies.

[NOTE.—So much of the foregoing ceremonies as relates to the installation shall be used at the annual installation of officers of subordinate Chapters, omitting, at the pleasure of the M. E. High Priest or Worshipful Master, the charges and addresses, but in no case can the unequivocal assent to certain questions be omitted.]

## SECTION IV.

**CEREMONY AT A GRAND VISITATION.**

Whenever the M. E. Grand High Priest intends to visit a Chapter officially, for the purpose of inspecting its condition, the M. E. Grand Secretary shall notify the M. E. High Priest of the Chapter of the intended visitation at least two weeks previous thereto, and direct that the minute book and such other books or papers as he may require be forwarded to him for examination.

The Chapter is opened in the Royal Arch Degree, and when the M. E. Grand High Priest is announced the Royal Arch Captain and Master of the Third Vail shall stand inside the Chapter room facing each other. The Companions shall form on the right and left of these officers, in two lines, facing inward, leaving a space for the M. E. Grand High Priest and his officers to pass between the lines toward the East.

The officers of Grand Chapter then enter in the following order:

Grand Marshal.

Grand Tyler and Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Masters of Ceremonies.

Grand Masters of the First and Second Vails.

Grand Master of the Third Vail and Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Grand Principal Sojourner and Grand Captain of the Host.

Grand Chaplains.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Past Grand Officers.

M. E. Grand Secretary and M. E. Grand Treasurer.

M. E. Grand Scribe and M. E. Grand King.

M. E. Grand High Priest.

They proceed toward the East. On the entrance of the M. E. Grand High Priest the procession halts, the officers of Grand Chapter open to the right and left, facing inward, and the M. E. Grand High Priest advances, followed by the M. E. Grand King and M. E. Grand Scribe, and the other Grand Officers follow in regular order. When they arrive at the East, they form across the room facing West, the Grand Offi-

cers on the platform opposite to and near their respective stations, the other Officers on the floor, immediately in front.

The grand honors are then given; after which the M. E. High Priest of the Chapter surrenders to the M. E. Grand High Priest the Warrant of Constitution of the Chapter, the emblem of his authority and his station. The M. E. Grand High Priest then directs the officers of Grand Chapter to take their respective stations and places, and the officers of the Chapter resign their stations and places to the corresponding officers of Grand Chapter. He then directs the M. E. Grand Secretary to make his report on the minutes of the Chapter. After which the M. E. Grand High Priest may make such observations as, in his judgment, the circumstances and situation of the Chapter may require, and he may also deliver an address.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then resigns the station to the M. E. High Priest of the Chapter, and the other officers of Grand Chapter vacate their respective stations and places.

Should the officers of Grand Chapter retire before the Chapter is closed the same ceremony must be observed as at their entrance, with the exception of the grand honors.

## SECTION V.

## FORMS.

## No. 1.

**Petition for Warrant for a Chapter.**

*To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:*

We, the undersigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons, members or last members of the Chapters mentioned opposite our respective names, having received the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason, and Royal Arch Mason, pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at , to be called Royal Arch Chapter, No. , and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the Fraternity, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations, and Edicts of Grand Chapter. And we have chosen, and do recommend, Companion to be M. E. High Priest, Companion to be King, and Companion to be Scribe, of the said Chapter. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of Grand Chapter.

Witness our hands, this day of , A. D. 19 ,  
A. I. 24 .

[There must be twenty-five signers to this petition.]

**Recommendation of the Nearest Chapter, if Within Nine Miles.**

At a meeting of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at on the day of A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

On motion made and seconded, it was

*Resolved*, That the above petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of Grand Chapter.

[SEAL] Attest, ..... *M. E. High Priest.*  
..... *Secretary.*

## No. 2.

## Warrant for a New Chapter.

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, in solemn form assembled at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to all whom it may concern,*

## GREETING:

KNOW YE, That we, the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in us, do hereby constitute and appoint our trusty and well-beloved Companions , Most Excellent High Priest; , King; and , Scribe, of a Chapter, to be called Royal Arch Chapter, No. , to be held at , or within three miles of the same. And we do further authorize and empower the said to admit, make, receive, accept and exalt Mark Master Masons, Most Excellent Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons, according to the usages and customs of Freemasonry, and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and not contrariwise. And we do further empower and appoint the said , and their successors, to hear and determine all and singular the matters and things relating to Royal Arch, Most Excellent and Mark Masonry within the jurisdiction of the said Chapter, with the assistance of the members thereof. And lastly we do hereby authorize and empower the said Companions to install their successors, being first duly elected and chosen, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and to invest them with all the powers and dignities to their offices respectively belonging; and such successors shall in like manner, from time to time, install their successors, etc., etc. Such installation is, if practicable, to be made on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day, during the continuance of this Chapter, forever.

*Provided always, That the above-named Companions, and their successors, pay due respect to this Grand Holy Royal*

Arch Chapter, and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations thereof, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or effect.

Given by the authority granted in open Grand Chapter under the hands of our Grand Officers, and Seal of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, this              day of              , A. D. one thousand      hundred and      , A. I. 24 .

.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*  
.....*M. E. Grand King.*  
.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*

.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

Attest,

.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

[SEAL]

### No. 3.

#### Form of Dispensation to Constitute a Chapter, and Report Thereon.

I,              *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

*To my Worthy Companion.....*

#### GREETING:

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and constancy in the Craft, I do, by virtue of the powers and authority in me vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of known and approved Royal Arch Masons in      , to open and constitute a new Chapter, to be held there, and to proceed to the installation of our worthy Companion      M. E. High Priest, and others, the officers of a new Chapter, there to be constituted and established, to be called and known by the name of

Royal Arch Chapter, No.      , according to the most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages, and among all nations in the known world, and not contrariwise. You will make report to me, hereunto annexed, of your proceedings.

This Dispensation shall remain in force for      months from the date hereof, and no longer.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this day of      , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] Registered, .....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*  
.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

**Report of Constituting a Chapter.**

*To Companion , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:*

I do hereby report, That in pursuance of the powers deputed in the above Dispensation, I did, on the      day of      , A. D. 19      , A. I. 24      , in conjunction with a sufficient number of known and approved Royal Arch Masons, constitute the Chapter called      Royal Arch Chapter, No.      , and installed the officers thereof, according to Ancient Usage and Form.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at      this day of      , A. D. 19      , A. I. 24 .

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[NOTE.—The officer acting under this authority is styled Acting M. E. Grand High Priest, and the other officers will be styled Acting M. E. Grand King, Acting M. E. Grand Scribe, &c.]

**No. 4.**

**Petition to a Chapter for the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees, and Membership.**

*To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions of      Royal Arch Chapter, No.      :*

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that he is a Geometric Master Mason,      a member of Lodge, No.      , held at      . That he is a Past Master by (state whether by election or dispensation), that he has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge of Mark Master Masons, or Most Excellent Master Masons, or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and that he is desirous of being further advanced in the mysteries of Freemasonry by having the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason conferred on him, by being received and accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason, and by being exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Mason, and of becoming a member of your honorable Chapter, if upon inquiry he shall be found worthy.

Witness my hand, this , day of , A. D. 19 ,  
A. I. 24 .

Recommended and vouched for  
as having "Passed the Chair" on  
.....day of....., 19 ,  
.....{  
Full name .....  
Age .....  
Occupation .....  
Residence .....

[NOTE.—If the petition is for the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, strike out all referring to the Mark Lodge, if for the Royal Arch alone, strike out all referring to Mark and Most Excellent degrees.]

No. 5.

## Form of Petition to a Chapter from a Companion for Membership.

*To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions  
of              Royal Arch Chapter, No.    :*

The undersigned, a Mark Master Mason, a Past Master by  
(state whether by election or dispensation), a Most Excellent  
Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason, last a member of  
Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at ,  
as may be seen by reference to the enclosed Certificate, re-  
spectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your  
honorable Chapter.

No. 6

## Report of Committee on Petition.

To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions  
of Royal Arch Chapter No. :

The committee to which was referred the petition  
beg leave to report in favor of the prayer thereof being granted.

Witness our hands, this        day of       , A. D. 19   , A. I. 24   .

..... } Committee.

## No. 7.

## Chapter Certificate for a Companion who has Resigned.

Signature of the Companion.  
NE VARIETUR.

WHEREAS, Companion , a Royal Arch Mason, a Past Master by (state whether by election or dispensation), a Mark Master Mason, and a Most Excellent Master Mason, and last a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at , under a warrant from The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, has regularly withdrawn from the said Chapter, and has conformed to its By-Laws; we, the M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe, of said Chapter, do grant to him this Certificate of his conduct as a worthy Companion during his continuance among us, and recommend him to the kind consideration of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] ..... *M. E. High Priest.*

Attest: ..... *King.*

{ COPY } ..... *Secretary.* ..... *Scribe.*  
 { OF }  
 { MARK }

(Date of its adoption.)

## No. 8.

## Chapter Certificate for a Companion who desires to become a Petitioner for a Warrant for a new Chapter.

WHEREAS, Companion , a Royal Arch Mason, a Past Master by (state whether by election or dispensation), a Mark Master Mason and a Most Excellent Master Mason, now a member in Good Masonic Standing in Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at , Pennsylvania, under a Warrant from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, desires to become a petitioner for a Warrant for a new Chapter to be located at , we, the M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe of said Chapter, do grant to him this Certificate of Good Masonic Standing and recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Masonic Fraternity.

[SEAL] ..... *M. E. High Priest.*

Attest: ..... King.

{ COPY OF MARK } ..... Secretary. ..... Scribe.

(Date of its adoption)

No. 9.

**Chapter Certificate for a Companion who has been Restored  
to good Masonic Standing.**

WHEREAS, Companion , a Royal Arch Mason, and last a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at under a warrant from The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, has ceased to be a member thereof, and is in good Masonic standing, we, the M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe of said Chapter, do grant him this Certificate, and recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world.

[SEAL] ..... M. E. High Priest.

Attest: ..... King.

.....Secretary.....Scribe.

No. 10.

## **Recommendation for a Grand Chapter Certificate.**

To Companion , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and  
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

We do hereby certify that Companion [REDACTED] is a Royal Arch Mason [REDACTED] now a member of [REDACTED] Royal Arch Chapter, No. [REDACTED], held at [REDACTED], and is in good standing. He was exalted in Chapter No. [REDACTED], on [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], 19[REDACTED]. We therefore recommend him as worthy of obtaining a Grand Chapter Certificate.

Witness our hands and the seal of the said Chapter, this  
day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] ..... M. E. High Priest

Attest: ..... King.

.....Secretary. ....Scribe.

## No. 11.

**Grand Chapter Certificate for a Companion Made by Virtue  
of the Presence of the M. E. Grand High Priest.**

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, to all Ancient and Regular Royal Arch Masons throughout the globe.*

Signature of the Companion.

NE VARIETUR.

UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

We do hereby certify that Companion , being otherwise fully qualified, has had the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason conferred upon him, has been received and accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason, and exalted to the Supreme degree of Royal Arch Mason by virtue of the presence of the M. E. Grand High Priest. He is therefore recommended as such.

In testimony whereof, we have delivered to him this certificate, and, that the same may not be of use to anyone else, we have caused him to sign his name in the margin, *NE VARIETUR*.

Given at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*  
.....*M. E. Grand King.*  
.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*

[SEAL G. C.]

.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

## No. 12.

**Commission for a Representative in Grand Chapter.**

To Companion , a Royal Arch Mason, a Past High Priest, and member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , under the Jurisdiction of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

At a stated meeting of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at on the day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 , you were elected the Representative of this Chapter in Grand Chapter.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this                    day of  
 , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL]

.....*M. E. High Priest.*

Attest:

.....*Secretary.*

## No. 13.

## Grand Chapter Certificate.

*Holiness to the Lord.*

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging. To all Ancient Regular Royal Arch Masons throughout the globe.*

UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

We do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, Companion

.....  
a member of                    Royal Arch Chapter, No.

under our Jurisdiction, hath been exalted to the Supreme Degree of ROYAL ARCH MASON, and hath performed all his works among us to the entire satisfaction of his Companions.

He is therefore recommended as such.

In testimony whereof, we have delivered to him this Certificate, and that the same may not be of use to anyone else, we have caused him to sign his name in the margin, *Ne Varietur.*

Given at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this                    day of

A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

*Le Grand et Saint Chapitre de Royal Arche de Pennsylvanie.  
A tous les Royal Arche anciens sur la surface du globe.*

UNION, SANTE, BONHEUR.

Nous certifions par ces presentes que le porteur de celle-ci

.....  
est compagnon et membre du Chapitre de Royal Arche

sous notre jurisdiction, où il a été élevé au Suprême dégré de Royal Arche, et qu'il a travaillé parmi nous, à l'entière satisfaction de tous les Compagnons; c'est pourquoi, nous le recommandons comme tel.

En foi de quoi, nous lui avons délivré le présent certificat, et afin qu'il ne puisse servir qu'à lui seul, nous lui avons fait signer son nom en marge, *Ne Varietur.*

Donné à Philadelphie, en Pennsylvanie, le                    jour du                    mois, A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*.....*M. E. Grand King.*.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*{ **SEAL** }  
G. C. }

Attest:

.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

## No. 14.

**Dispensation to Hold a Special Election.**

I, , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,

To the M. E. High Priest [or Worshipful Master], Officers and Members of Royal Arch Chapter, No. [or Mark Lodge, No. ], held at :

**GREETING:**

In consequence of an emergency caused by and by special request of your Chapter [or Lodge] duly certified to me, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower you to hold an election for at your next stated meeting, and to fill any vacancy which may arise by reason thereof: *Provided, however,* that due and timely notice of such election be given to the members of your Chapter [or Lodge].

And for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

.....M. E. Grand High Priest.

{ **SEAL** }  
G. H. P.

Attest:

.....M. E. Grand Secretary.

## No. 15.

**Special Election Return.**

[To be sent to the M. E. Grand Secretary immediately after the election has been held.]

To Companion , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

I do hereby certify that at a stated meeting of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at on the day of A. D. , A. I. , at an election held by virtue

of a Dispensation issued by you on the              day of              ,  
A. D. 19   , A. I. 24   , the following Companions [or Brethren]  
were duly elected officers of said Chapter [or Lodge] for the  
remainder of the Masonic year ending on St. John the Evan-  
gelist's Day, next; viz.: Comp.         .....

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• • • • • • • • • •

Witness my hand and the seal of said Chapter [or Lodge], at  
the              day of              , A. D. 19   , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] ..... *M. E. High Priest.*  
Attest: ..... *King.*  
..... *Secretary.* ..... *Scribe.*

No. 16.

## **Commission to a District Deputy Grand High Priest.**

*I, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand  
Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic  
Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,*

To my Trusty and Well-beloved Companion  
a Past High Priest, and a member of Royal  
Arch Chapter, No. , held at :

## WISDOM, STRENGTH, FRATERNITY.

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and skill in the Masonic Art, I do, by virtue and in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint you, my said beloved Companion , District Deputy Grand High Priest, in and for the Masonic District No. , comprising the Counties of .

And I do hereby invest you with the rank and dignity of a District Deputy Grand High Priest of the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and I do hereby authorize and empower you as such, to visit respectively all the Chapters and Mark Lodges now constituted, or which may hereafter be constituted, within the said District, as often as may be convenient, or you may judge necessary; to inspect their labors, and examine and inquire into the state of the said Chapters and Lodges, and their proceedings, and to give them all due Masonic advice and instruction. Also, in my name, and on my behalf, to deliver to

the said Chapters and Lodges respectful, affectionate and fraternal addresses, recommending harmony and union among the Companions and the strictest adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry.

And that you annually make report to me of your proceedings in the premises. This power and authority to be and continue in force during my continuance in office, unless sooner suspended or revoked, hereby revoking all former Commissions that may have issued from me or any of my predecessors in office, to any Companion, vesting in him the like powers and authority within the said District.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

Attest,

{ <b>SEAL</b> }	..... <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
G. H. P.	..... <i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

### No. 17.

#### Deputation to Visit Chapters, and Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodges.

*I, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,*

*To the M. E. High Priests, Officers and Companions of all the Chapters, and to the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren of all Mark Lodges held in :*

#### GREETING:

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize, empower and request my faithful and beloved Companion , a Past High Priest, and a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, in my name and behalf to visit your Chapters and Lodges, to examine and inquire into their state and proceedings, and to make report thereon.

Also, in my name and on my behalf, I do authorize and empower him to deliver to your Chapters and Lodges respectful, affectionate and fraternal addresses; recommending harmony

and union among the Companions and Brethren, and strict adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this  
day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

{ SEAL }  
G. H. P. } Attest,

.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

No. 18.

## Commission to a Companion to Visit Foreign Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters.

*To the Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters of Royal  
Arch Masons in the two hemispheres,*

*I,                   , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The  
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and  
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, send Greeting:*

## HEALTH, STABILITY AND HAPPINESS.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of our worthy and well-beloved Companion , a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , under my Jurisdiction, and the Jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter to travel into other States, distant countries, I have therefore, in order to promote, as far as in us lies, a fraternal communication with the different Chapters and Mark Lodges in the United States, hereby requested and require our said Companion to visit the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Grand and Subordinate Lodges of Mark Master Masons in the different States countries through which he may

**NE VARIETUR.** travel, and producing these, his credentials, to assure them of my most fraternal regard, and of my disposition to cultivate a mutual correspondence, and to give to said Grand Chapters, Chapters, Mark Lodges, Companions or Brethren, such information as may be requisite concerning the state of the Craft with us, believing that it will manifestly tend to promote order, harmony and reciprocal affection throughout the Globe.

Not doubting that this, my Companion, will meet with all due attention wherever he shall make himself known; and promising all due respect and attention to foreign Companions in like manner recommended to me.

In testimony whereof, I have caused him to sign his name in his usual signature in the margin hereof, Ne Varietur; and herewith I commit him to the protection of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Given under my hand, and the seal of our Grand Chapter, at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

[SEAL] Attest,

.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

### No. 19.

#### Commission to a Grand Representative near Grand Chapters of Other Jurisdictions.

HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

I, , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,

To our Trusty and Well-beloved Companion,  
Past High Priest, etc.:

WHEREAS, The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania desires to cultivate a more intimate and fraternal correspondence between this and other Grand Chapters, and believing that the ties of brotherly affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Masonic fraternity promoted, its unity,

integrity and strength protected, and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each Grand Chapter to the other;

*Therefore be it known,* That reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and skill in the Masonic Art, I do, by virtue and in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint you, our said beloved Companion , Grand Representative, to represent me near the Grand Chapter of , for the purposes herein mentioned and set forth.

Given under my hand and seal ..... at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

{ **SEAL** }  
G. H. P.

Attest,

.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

### No. 20.

#### Monthly Return from Subordinate Chapters.

[This return should be mailed immediately after your stated meeting.\*]

*To the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

At a stated meeting of Royal Arch Chapter,  
No. , held at on the day of ,  
A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 , the following-named Brethren petitioned this Chapter.

(Please comply with footnotes)  
(Do not Report Corrections as Petitions Presented.)

#### FOR DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP.

Name. (Write plainly and legibly.)	Age.	Occupation.	Residence. Where Residence and Postoffice are not the same, give both.	Lodge No.	Date Passed to the Chair.

## FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Lodge No.
A Mason, last a member of		Chapter No. held at	, Jurisdiction	
A Mason, last a member of		Chapter No. held at	, Jurisdiction	
A Mason, last a member of		Chapter No. held at	, Jurisdiction	

The following were approved or elected: [State which]

Name.	1st or 2d Ballot. 2d or 3d Petition.	Name.	1st or 2d Ballot. 2d or 3d Petition.

The following were rejected, or petition withdrawn:  
[State which and how] †‡

Name.	1st or 2d Ballot. 1st, 2d or 3d Petition.	Name.	1st or 2d Ballot. 1st, 2d or 3d Petition.

The following were suspended or expelled:

Name.	When Marked or Last Admitted.	For What Cause Suspended or Expelled.

The following have died:

Name.	When Marked or Last Admitted.	Date of Death.

The following resignations accepted, restoration to membership, or to good Masonic Standing:

Name.	When Marked or Last Admitted.	Date Restored to Good Masonic Standing.	Date Restored to Membership.	Date Resignation Accepted.

The following degrees were conferred:

Name.	Degrees Conferred. State Whether Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch.	Date.

(To be Dated the Day when Mailed.)

Witness my hand and the seal of said Chapter this                      day of  
                 , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL]

.....  
Secretary of

## Chapter No. .

\*See Article XIV, Section 7, of the Constitution.

<sup>†</sup>In reporting withdrawals state whether after favorable report of Committee or favorable ballot.

**†**If rejected by unfavorable report, or oral objection, it must be so stated in the return.

## No. 21.

**Petition for Dispensation for Royal Arch Degree.**

*To , Esq., Most Excellent Grand High Priest of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and  
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:*

The petition of  
respectfully sheweth:

That your petitioner is a Mark Master Mason, a Most Excellent Master Mason and a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. , and is desirous of becoming a Royal Arch Mason, but is unable to wait the usual delays required by the Constitution.

He therefore prays that you will be pleased to grant a dispensation authorizing him to be exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Mason, in Royal Arch Chapter, No. .

Witness my hand this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .  
Signed (full name).

Age .....  
Residence .....  
Occupation .....

We, the officers of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , beg leave to recommend the above petitioner to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as a Brother who, in our opinion, is worthy of being advanced in the mysteries of Freemasonry.

..... *M. E. High Priest.*  
..... *King.*  
..... *Scribe.*

Granted.

..... *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

Attest:

..... *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

## No. 22.

**Form of Dispensation for Exaltation to the Supreme Degree  
of a Royal Arch Mason Without Awaiting the Statu-  
tory Time.**

I, , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,  
To the Most Excellent High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. : Royal

## GREETING:

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower you to confer, in your Chapter, the degree of Royal Arch Mason upon , it appearing that he cannot await the usual delays required by the Constitution. If the same meets the approbation of the Chapter, this shall be your sufficient warrant for so doing.

Given under my hand and seal at the City of Philadelphia, this day , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

.....M. E. Grand High Priest.

[SEAL]

## Attest:

.....M. E. Grand Secretary.

## No. 23.

## Charges.

....., A. D. ...., A. I.

To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Companions of ..... Royal Arch Chapter, No. :

The undersigned, a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No ., hereby charges Companion , a Royal Arch Mason (or M. M. M., or M. E. M., as the case may be), and a member of your Chapter, with (here insert in general terms the offence charged, as, 1. Gross unmasonic conduct; or 2. Conduct unbecoming a Mason; or, 3. Violation of his obligation as a Mason), as is more fully stated in the following specification (or specifications), to wit:

*First* .....

*Second* .....

*Third* .....

*Signed* .....

[NOTE.—The specification or specifications must set forth in clear, plain language, as nearly as practicable, the nature of the offence, the time when, and the place where, the same occurred, so that the accused Companion shall be afforded a full opportunity of defending himself. Nothing, however, should be stated that would be improper to be committed to writing.]

If the charge is an offence against the criminal law, which has been tried in a civil court, the specification must allege that the Companion has been tried for it, naming the offence.]

### No. 24.

#### Summons.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.

To :

COMPANION: Charges and specifications,—of which a certified copy, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, is herewith served on you,—were preferred against you, and filed in said Chapter, and were referred for trial to these Companions, viz.: :

Committee:

You are hereby summoned to appear before said Committee at

on the              day of              , A. D.              , A. I.

at              o'clock              M., of that day, to make answer to said charges, and proceed with the trial thereof.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Chapter, this day of              , A. D.              , A. I. .

.....  
M. E. High Priest.

[SEAL]

Attest:

..... *Secretary.*

(To be endorsed on the back.)

#### SUMMONS.

TO

Companion

Filed this              day of              , A. D.              , A. I.

.....  
*Secretary of the Committee.*

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.

, A. D. , A. I. .

I hereby certify, that on the day of  
A. D. , A. I. , at the , in the  
State of , I served on Companion  
, a copy of the within sum-  
mons, and a copy of the charges and specifications referred to  
therein, certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Chap-  
ter, by delivering to and leaving the same with him (or by  
leaving the same at his residence with an adult member of his  
family).

.....  
*Member (or Tyler) of said Chapter.*

The accused Companion may, if he chooses, accept service  
of the summons by indorsing on the same the following:

, A. D. , A. I.

I hereby accept service at of the within  
summons, and of a certified copy, under the seal of the Chap-  
ter, attested by the Secretary, of the charges and specifications  
referred to herein, this , day of ,  
A. D. , A. I. .

### No. 25.

#### Subpœna to Witnesses.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.

, A. D. , A. I. .

To :

You are hereby notified and required to appear before the  
Committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred  
by Companion against Companion ,  
at  
on the day of , A. D. , A. I.  
at o'clock M., of that day, to testify as a witness  
therein, on behalf of said .

By order of the Committee,

.....  
*Secretary of the Committee.*

## No. 26.

(To be indorsed on the back.)

SUBPCEENA.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.

, A. D. , A. I. .

I hereby certify that on the              day of              ,  
 A. D.       , A. I.       , I served a copy of the within subpCeena  
 on              , at              , in the County of              ,  
             , by delivering to and leaving the same with  
 him (or by leaving the same at his residence with an adult  
 member of his family).

.....

*Member (or Tyler) of said Chapter.*

Or, if service is accepted,  
 I hereby accept service of the within subpCeena, at  
 this              day of              , A. D. ,  
 A. I. .

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## No. 27.

## Report of Committee.

, A. D. , A. I. .

*To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Companions of  
 Royal Arch Chapter, No. :*

COMPANIONS: Your Committee appointed to try the charge  
 (or charges) preferred against Companion  
 on the              day of              , A. D. ,  
 A. I.       , having heard all that was offered before them by  
 the parties, do find from the evidence:

On specification first of charge first, On specification second of charge first, On specification third of charge first,	}	Guilty (or not guilty).
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(After passing upon each specification to the first charge,  
 add):

On charge first, guilty (or not guilty).

And they offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Companion              is guilty  
 (or not guilty), and recommend that he be expelled (or sus-

pended) from this Chapter (or that the charge or charges be dismissed).

(The same course must be pursued upon the several specifications to each charge, if there is more than one, and upon each charge.)

The accompanying papers contain the minutes and proceedings of the Committee, and the testimony taken, attested by the signatures of the several witnesses.

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.....  
.....  
.....} Committee.

### No. 28.

#### Notice of Filing of Report.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.

, A. D. , A. I. .

To : .....

COMPANION: Take notice that the Committee appointed to try the charge (or charges) preferred against you on the day of , A. D. , A. I. , have completed their labors, and will present their report to the Chapter at the stated meeting to be held in the Chapter room, in on the day of , A. D. , A. I. , at which time and place you may attend, if you think proper.

Fraternally yours,

.....  
Chairman of the Committee.

[SEAL]

Attest:

.....  
Secretary of the Chapter.

(To be indorsed on the back.)

I hereby certify that on the day of , A. D. , A. I. , at , in the County of , I served a copy of the within notice on Companion by delivering to and leaving .

the same with him (or by leaving the same at his residence with an adult member of his family).

.....  
*Secretary of the Committee.*

No. 29.

**Form of Appeal by the Accused.**

I, , the accused, a member of Chapter, No. , appeal to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania from the final action of Chapter, No. , wherein the appellant is accused of

because I believe that a wrong has been done to the interests of Freemasonry by the action of the said Chapter.

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No. 30.

**Form of Appeal by a Member of the Chapter.**

I, , a member of Chapter, No. , appeal to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania from the final action of Chapter, No. , in the case wherein is accused of , because I believe that a wrong has been done to the interests of Freemasonry by the action of the said Chapter.

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No. 31.

**Form of Appeal by Chapter from Action of Committee on By-Laws.**

As per resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of Chapter, No. , held on the day of , 19 , the said Chapter, No. , appeals to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania from

the action of the Committee on By-Laws of the said Grand Chapter, in the matter of proposed by-laws or amendments thereto of said Chapter, No. , because the said Chapter, No. , believes that a wrong has been done to the interests of Freemasonry by the action of the said Committee on By-Laws.

CHAPTER, No.

By

..... *Most Excellent High Priest.*

Attest:

..... *Secretary.*

[SEAL]

## MARK MASTER MASON'S SONG

Mark Masters all appear  
 Before the Chief O'erseer,  
     In concert move;  
 Let him your work inspect,  
 For the Chief Architect;  
 If there be no defect,  
     He will approve.

You who have passed the square,  
 For your rewards prepare,  
     Join heart and hand;  
*Each with his mark in view,*  
 March with the just and true;  
 Wages to you are due,  
     At your command.

HIRAM, the widow's son,  
 Sent unto Solomon  
     Our great keystone,  
 On it appears the name  
 Which raises high the fame  
 Of all, to whom the same  
     Is truly known.

Now to the westward move,  
 Where full of strength and love,  
     HIRAM doth stand;  
 But if imposters are  
 Mixed with the worthy there,  
*Caution them to beware*  
     *Of the right hand.*

Now, to the praise of those  
 Who triumphed o'er the foes  
     Of masons' arts;  
 To the praiseworthy three  
 Who founded this degree  
 May all their virtues be  
     Deep in our hearts.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER MASON'S SONG

All hail to the morning  
 That bids us rejoice ;  
 The temple's completed,  
 Exalt high each voice.  
 The capstone is finished,  
 Our labor is o'er ;  
 The sound of the gavel  
 Shall hail us no more.

**To the Power Almighty,** who ever has guided  
 The tribes of old Israel, exalting their fame ;  
**To 'Him,** who hath govern'd our hearts undivided,  
 Let's send forth our voices to praise His great name.

Companions assemble  
 On this joyful day,  
 (The occasion is glorious),  
 The keystone to lay ;  
 Fulfill'd is the promise  
 By the ANCIENT OF DAYS,  
 To bring forth the capstone,  
 With shouting and praise.

There's no more occasion for level or plumb line,  
 For trowel or gavel, for compass or square ;  
 Our works are completed, the ark safely seated,  
 And we shall be greeted as workmen most rare.

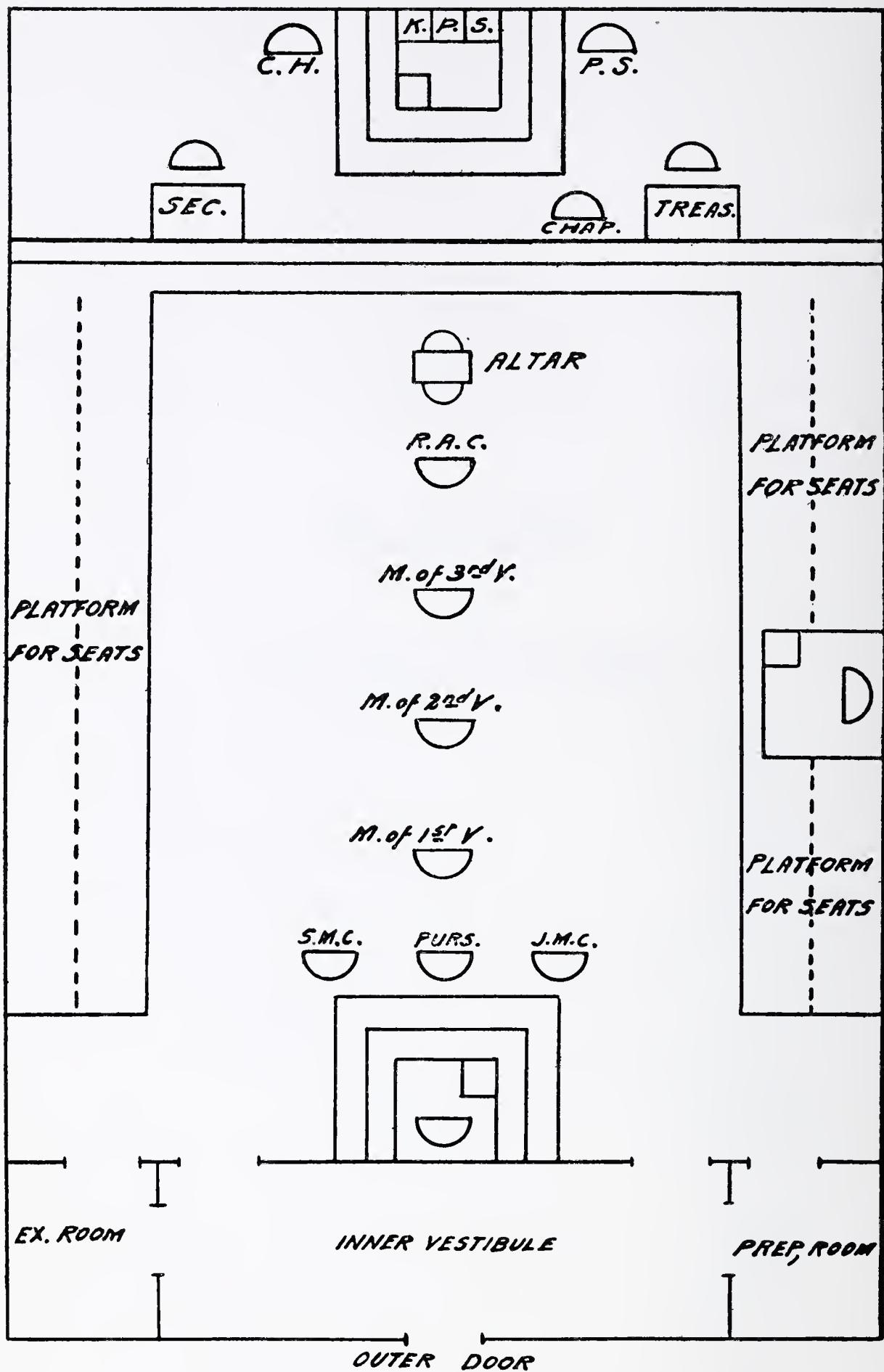
Now those that are worthy,  
 Our toils who have shar'd,  
 And proved themselves faithful,  
 Shall meet their reward.  
 Their virtue and knowledge,  
 Industry and skill,  
 Have our approbation ;  
 Have gained our good-will.

We accept and receive them Most Excellent Masters,  
 Invested with honors, and power to preside,  
 Among worthy craftsmen, wherever assembled,  
 The knowledge of Masons to spread far and wide.

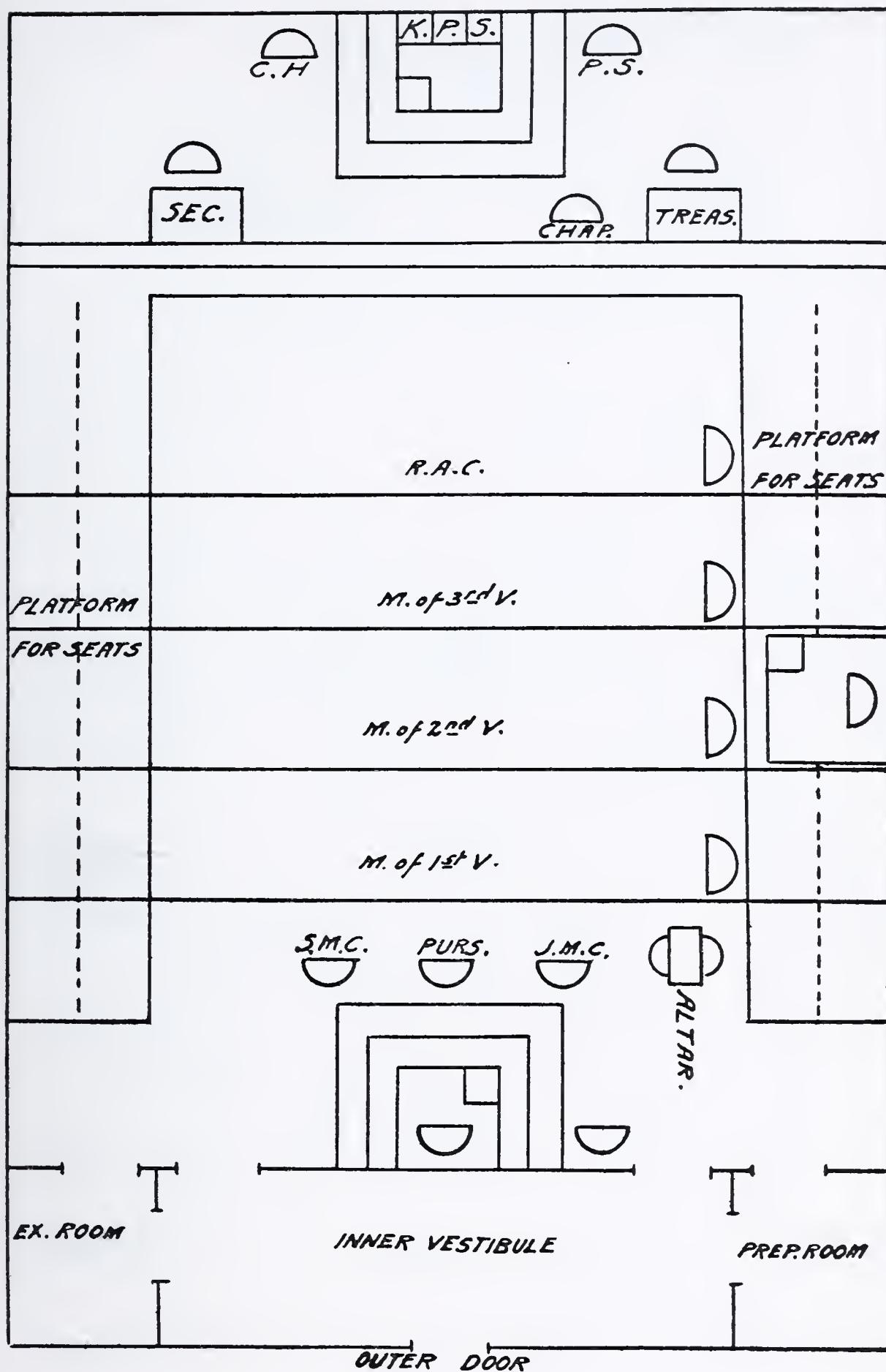
SOLO.      { ALMIGHTY JEHOVAH!  
                Descend now and fill  
                This Lodge with thy glory,  
                Our hearts with good-will!  
                Preside at our meetings;  
                Assist us to find  
                True pleasure in teaching  
                Good-will to mankind.

Thy *wisdom* inspired the great institution,  
Thy *strength* shall support it till nature expire;  
And when the creation shall fall into ruin,  
Its *beauty* shall rise through the midst of the fire.

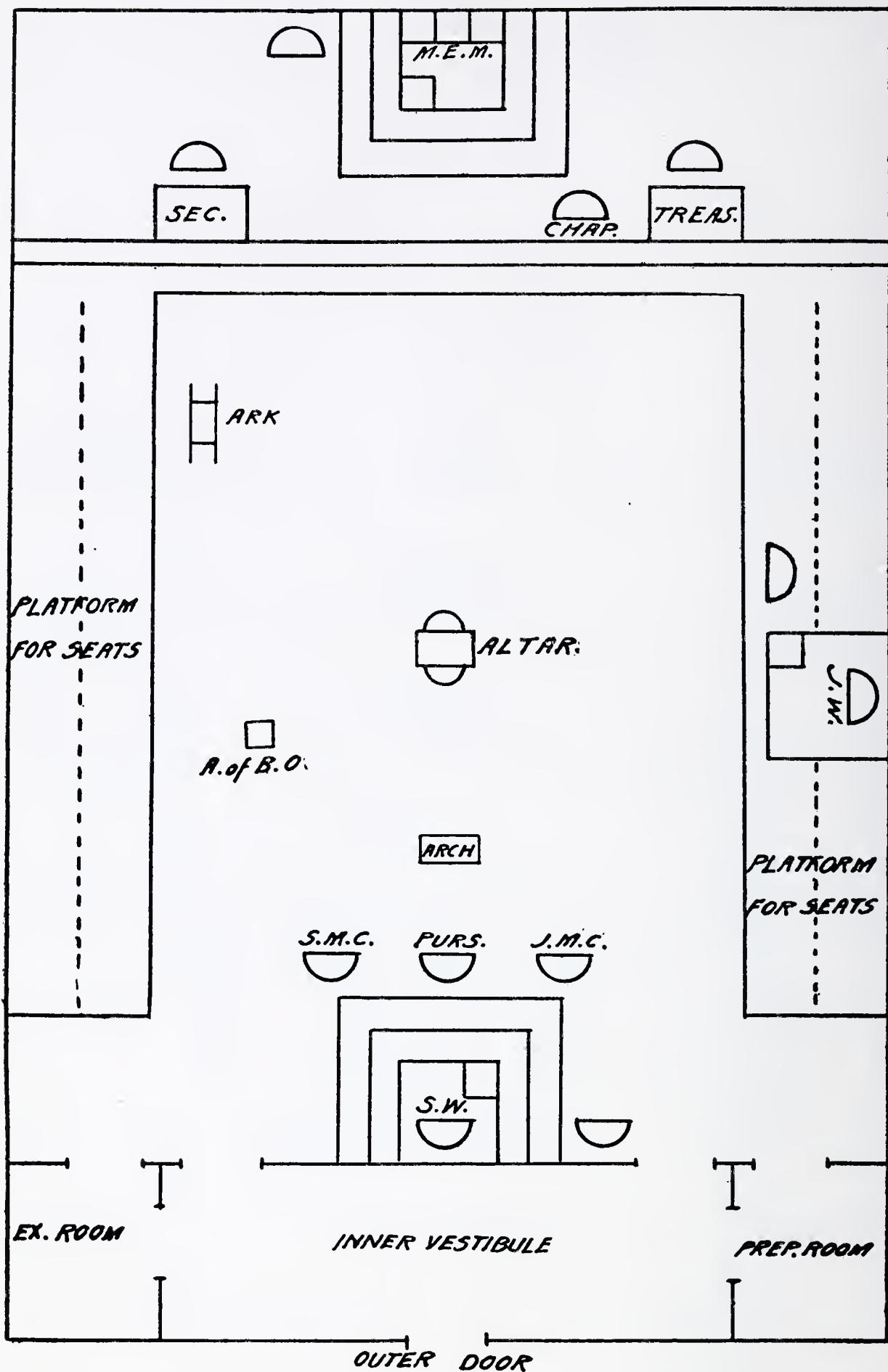
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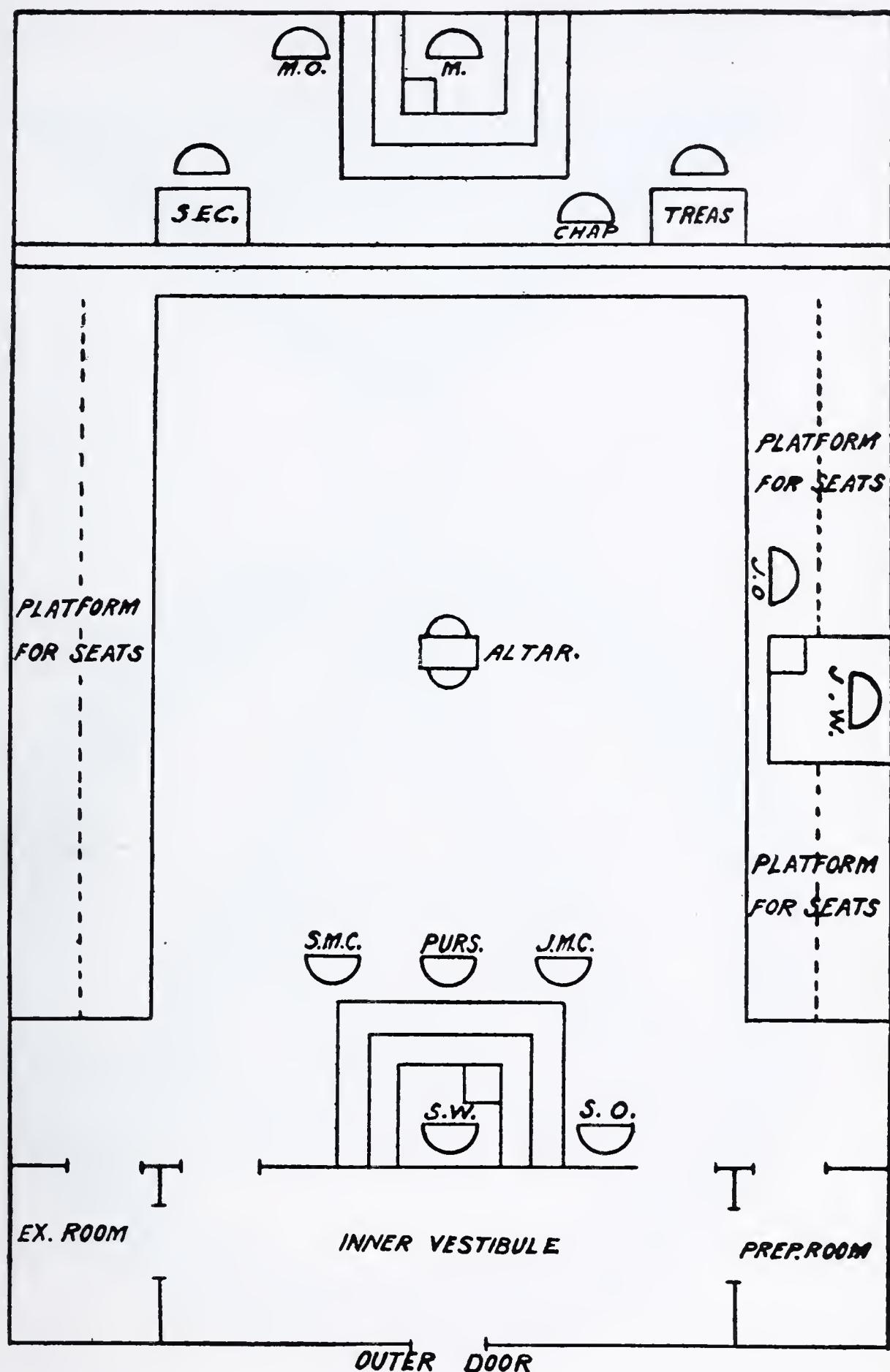
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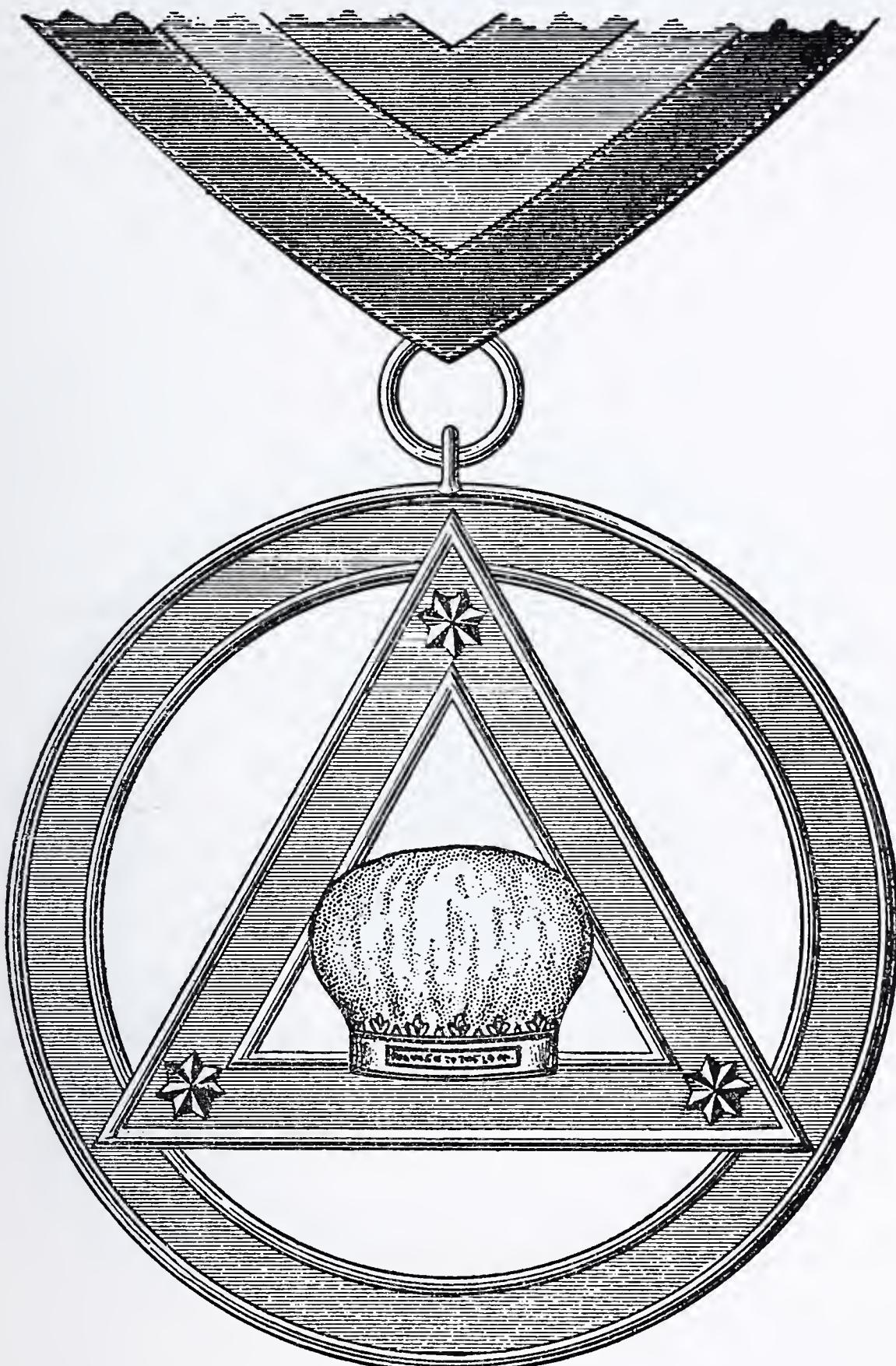


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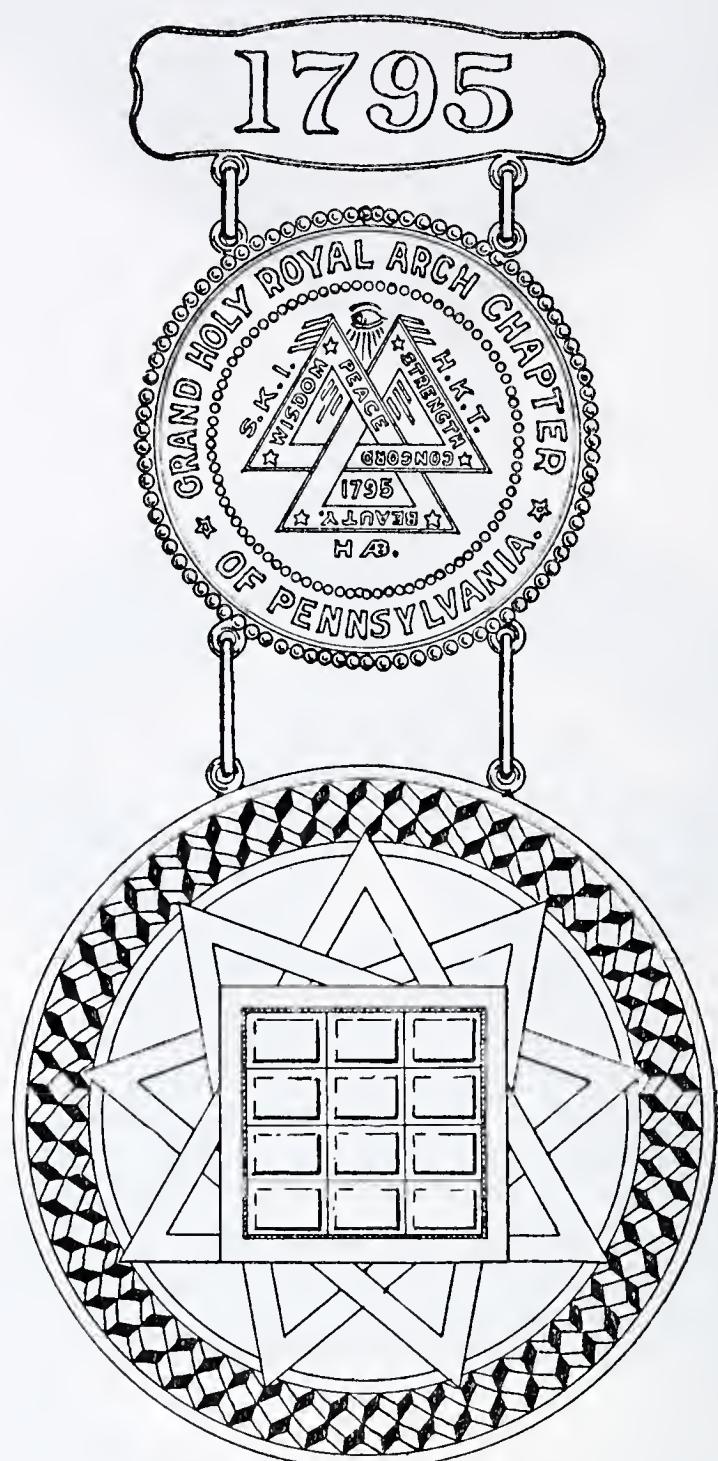
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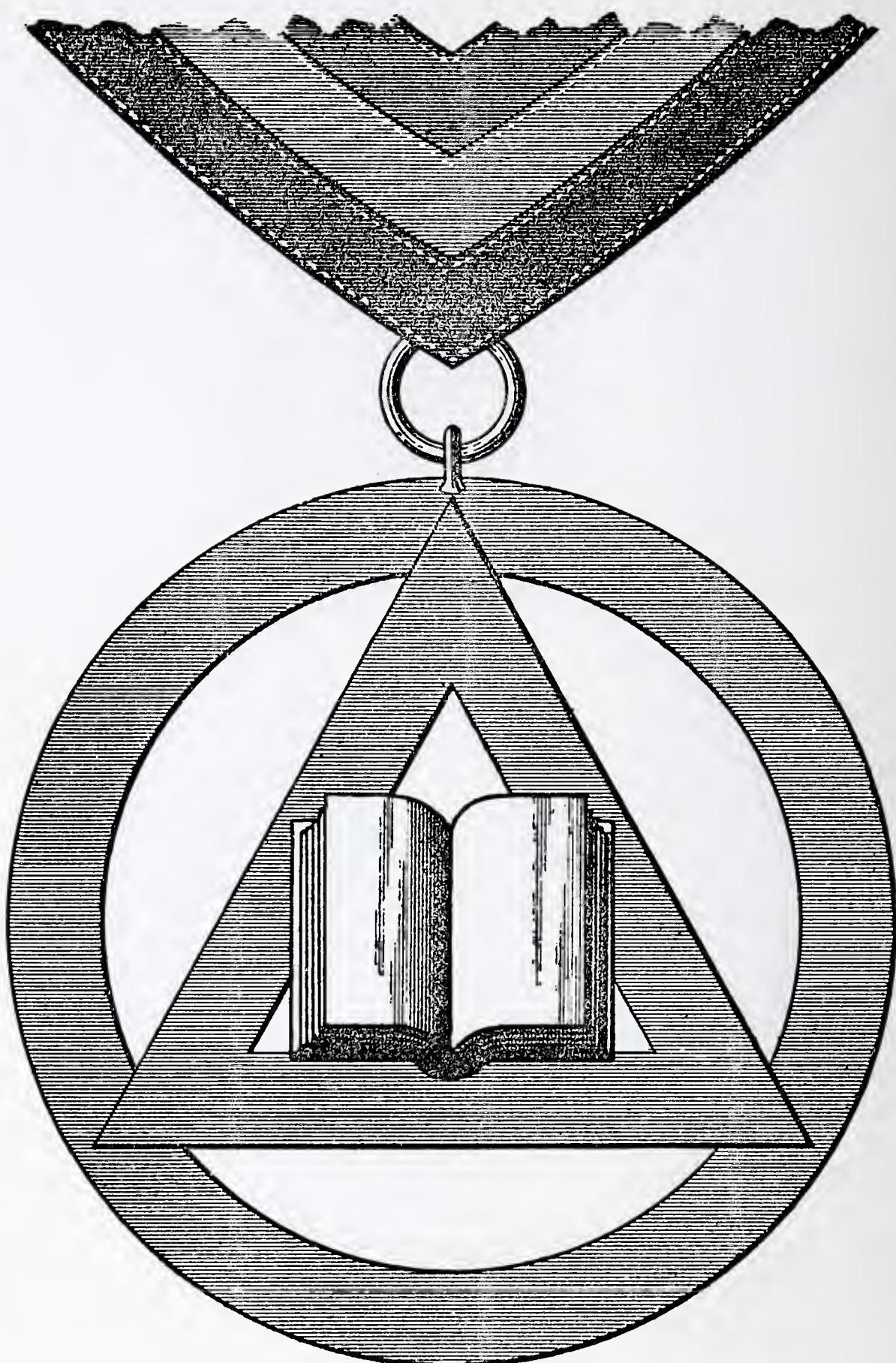
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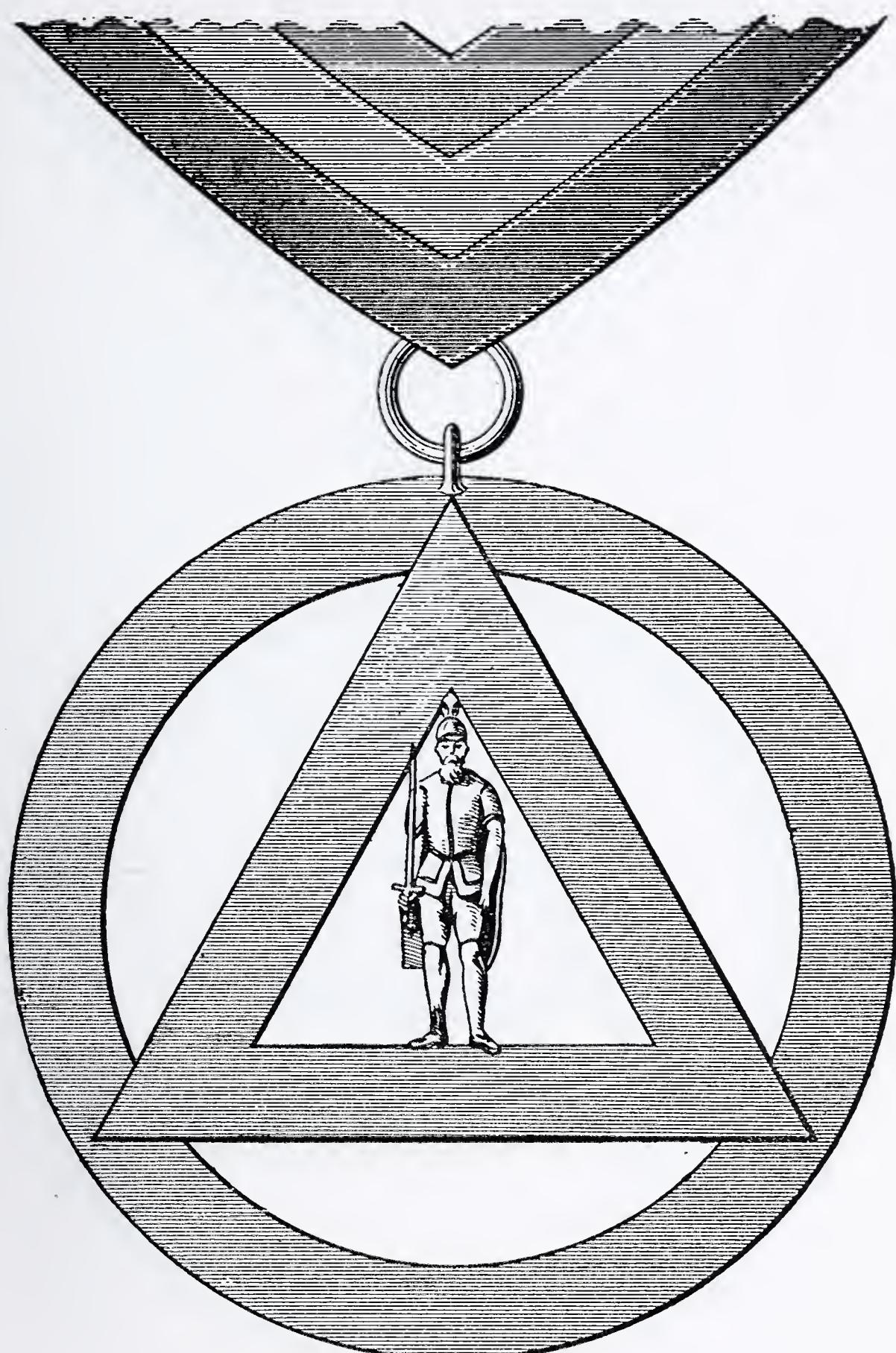
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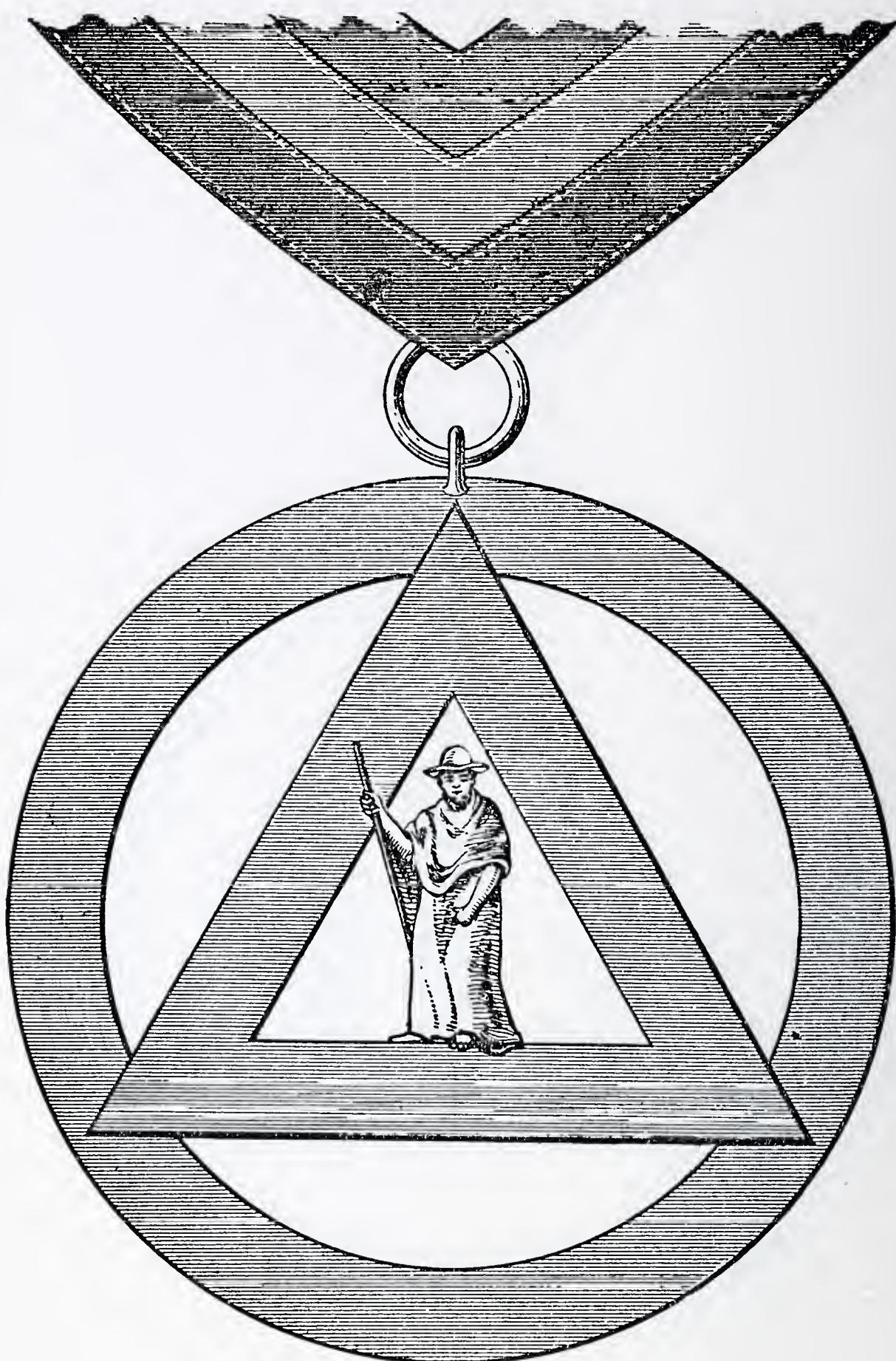
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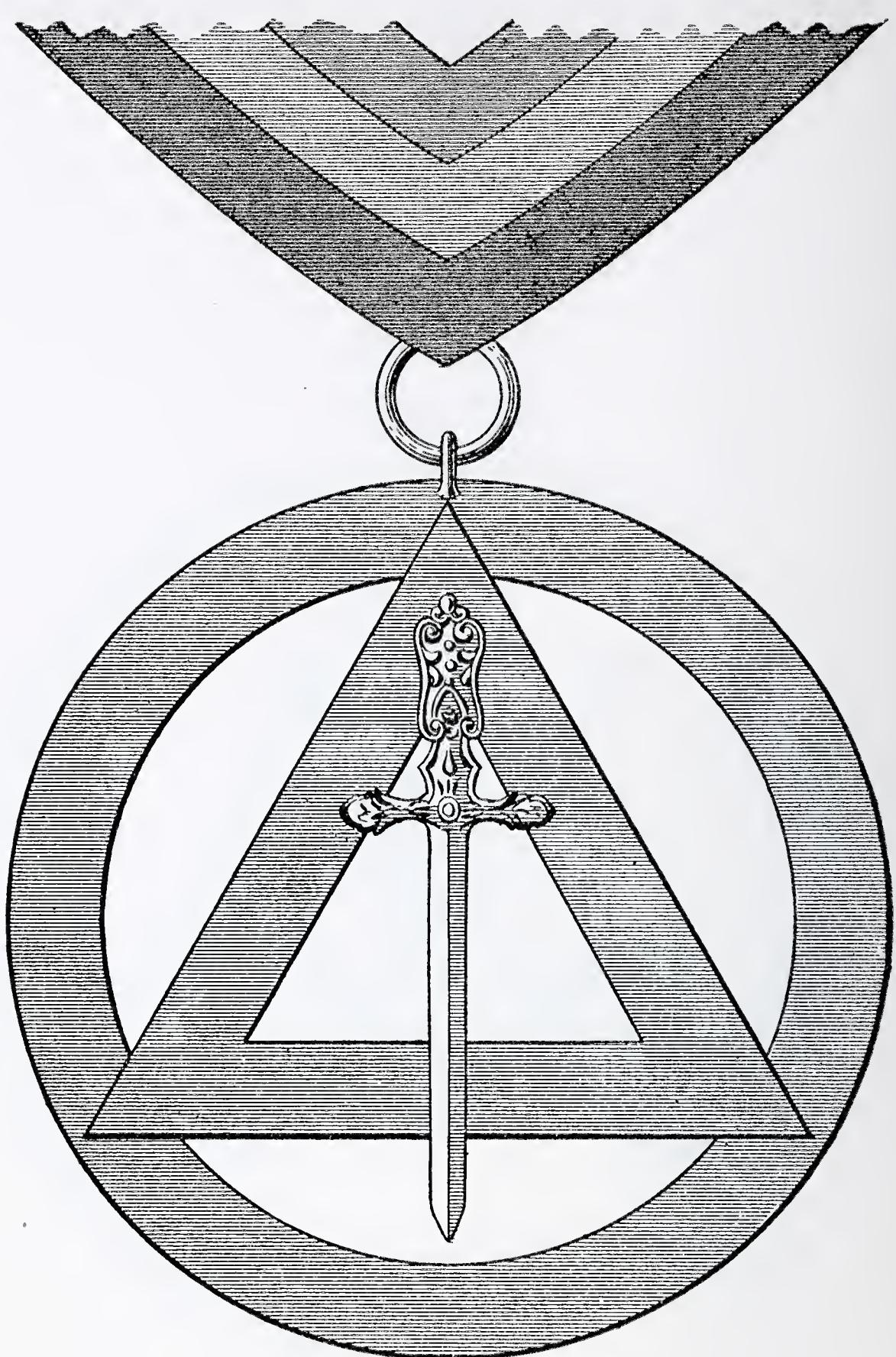
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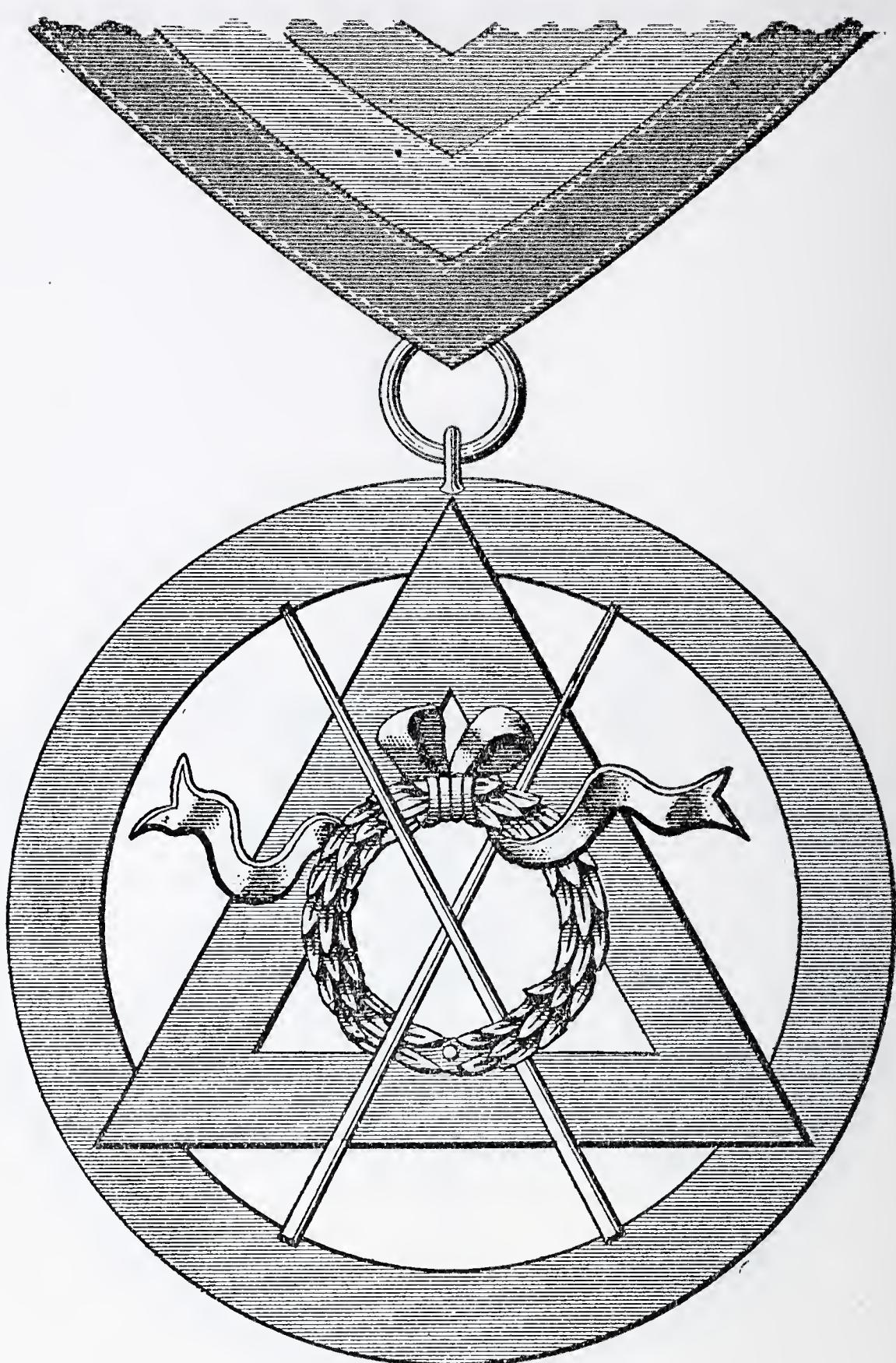
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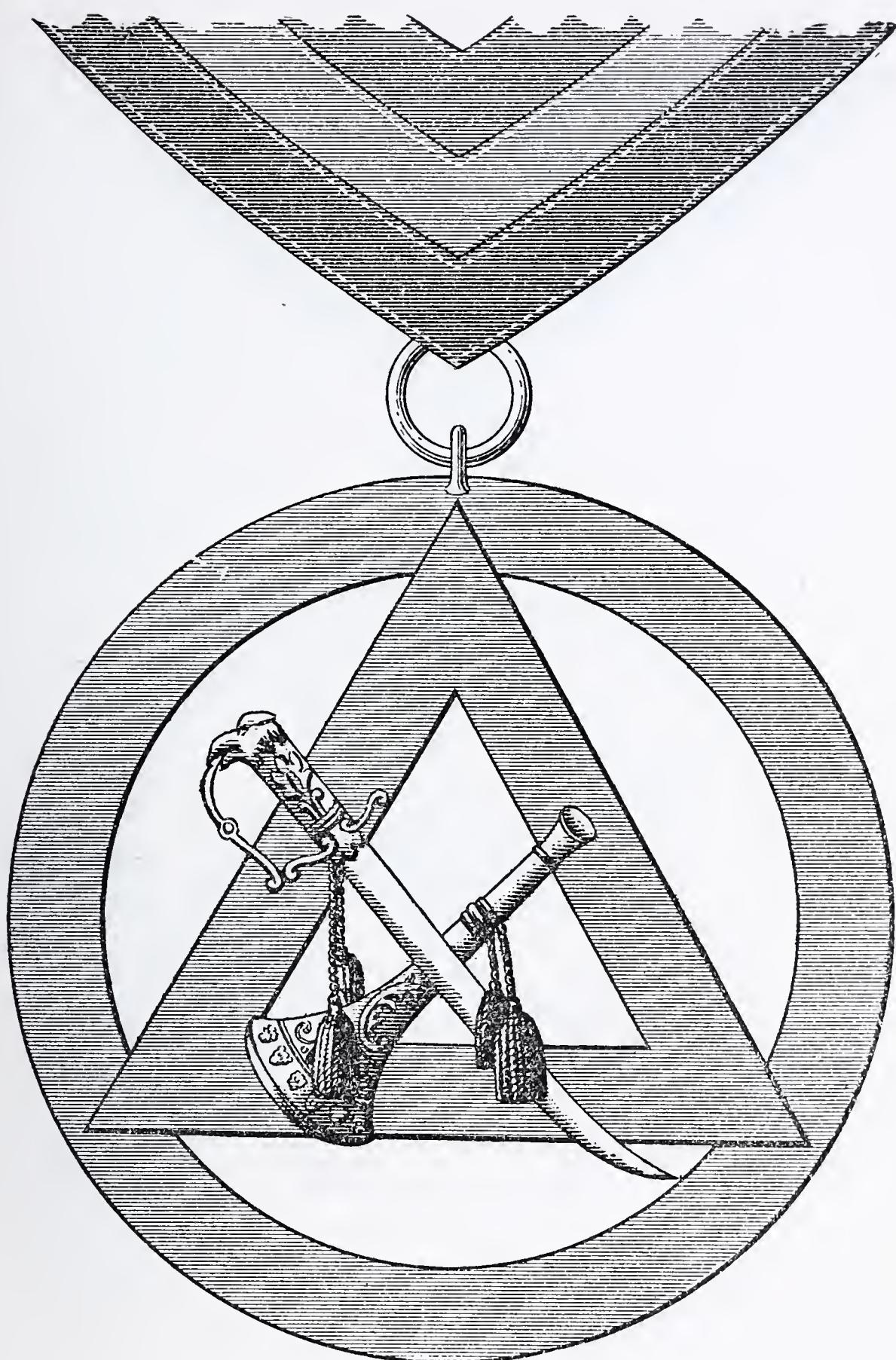
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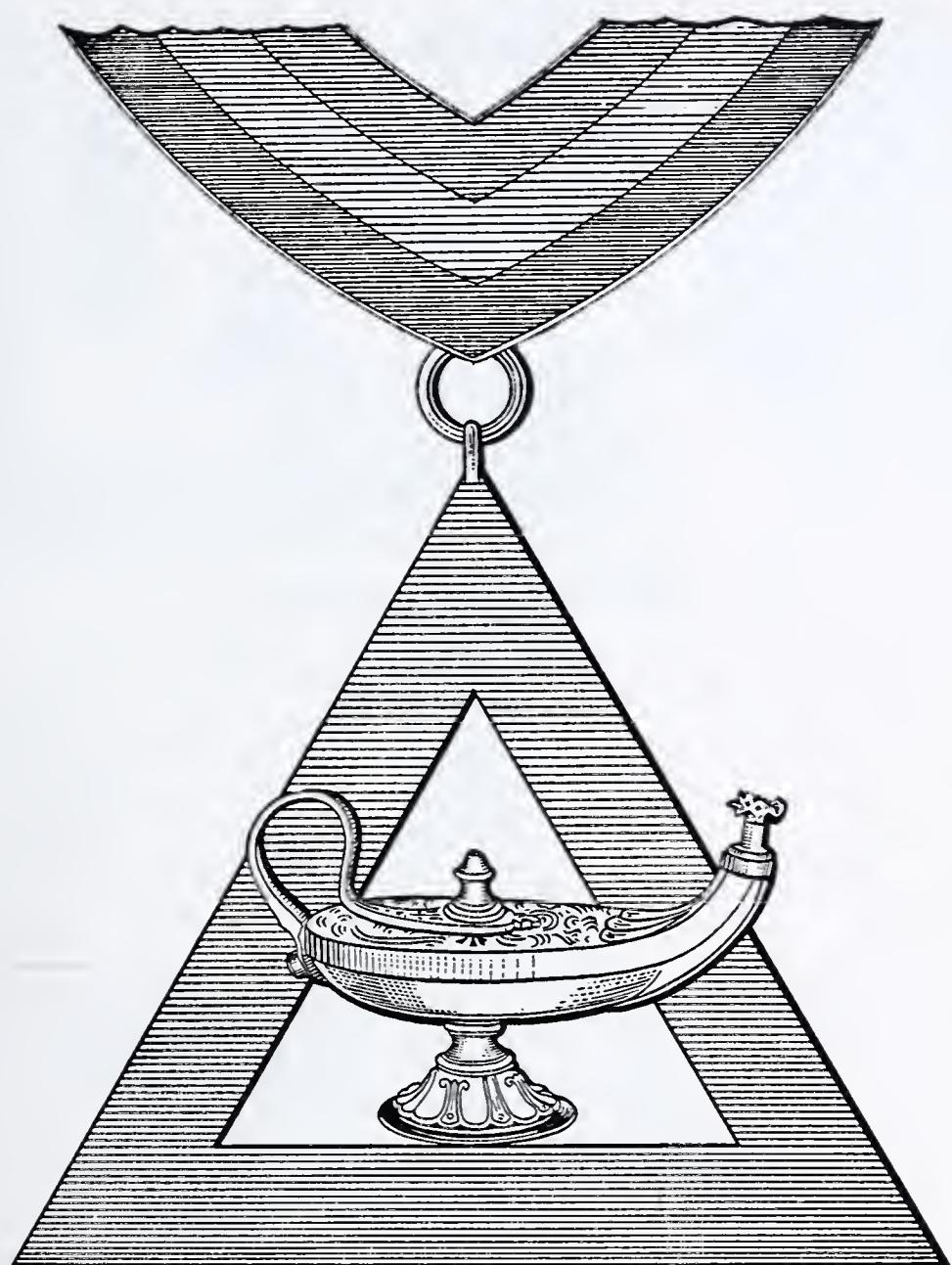
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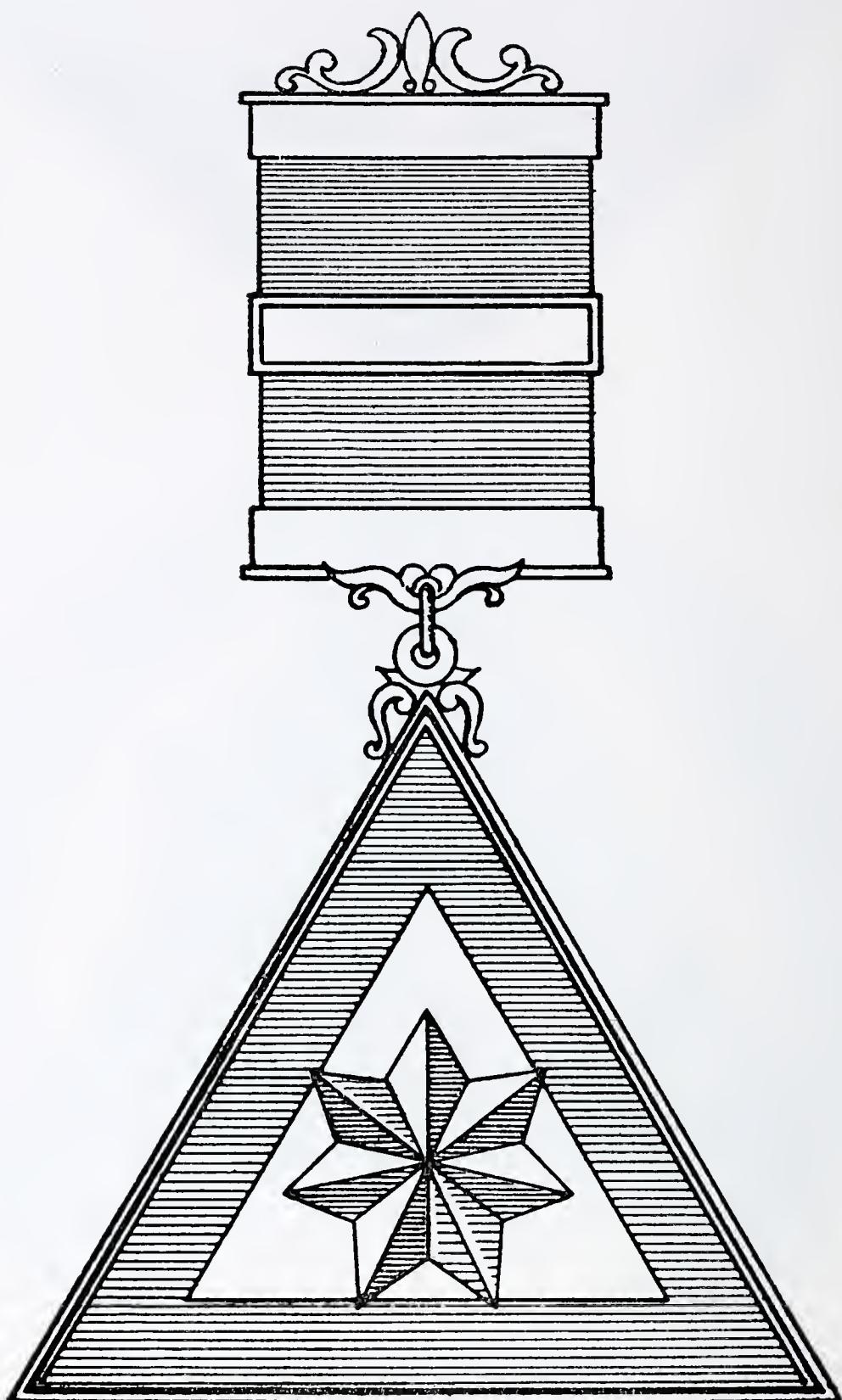
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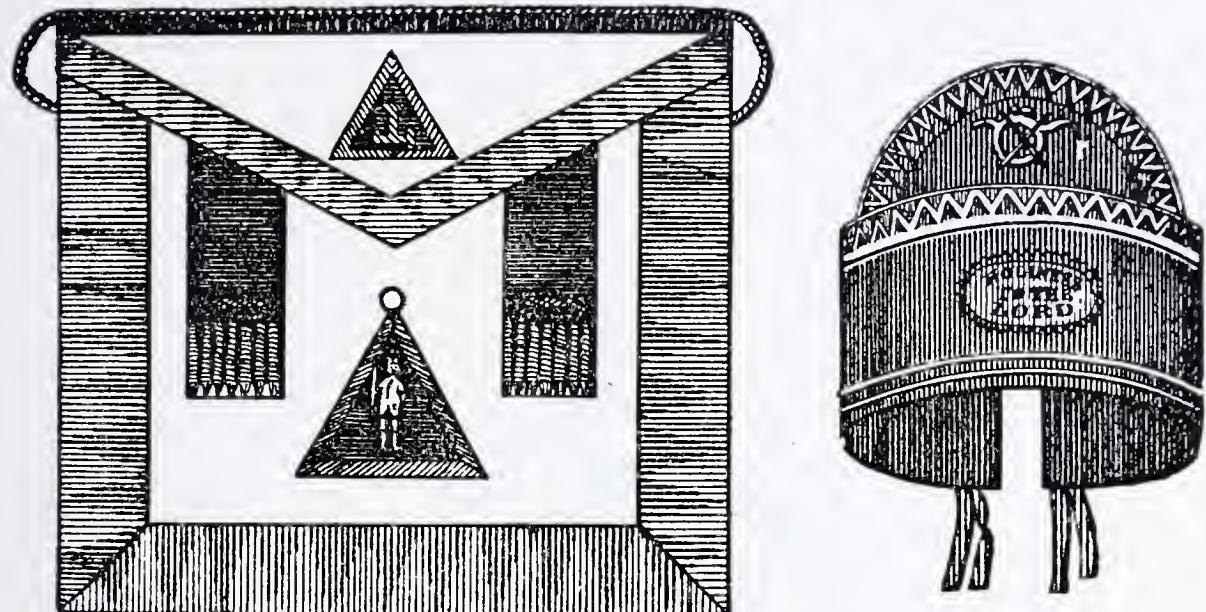
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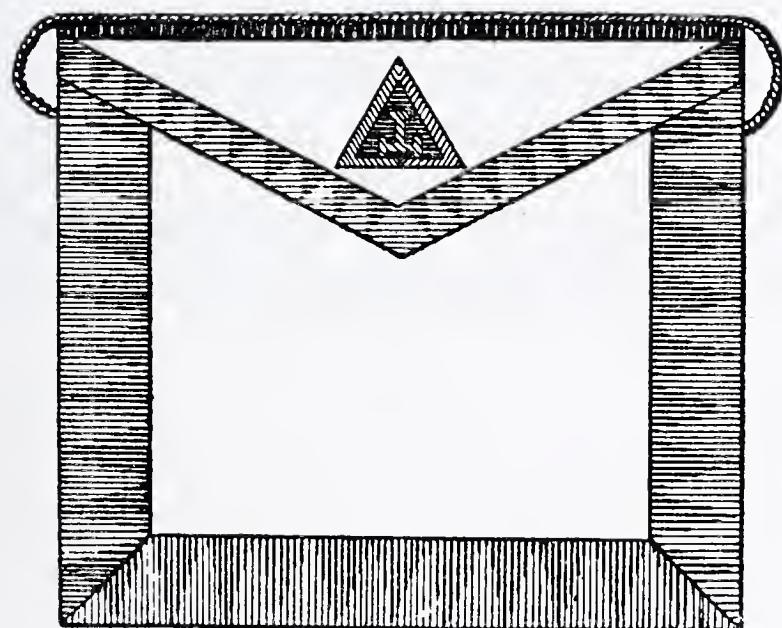
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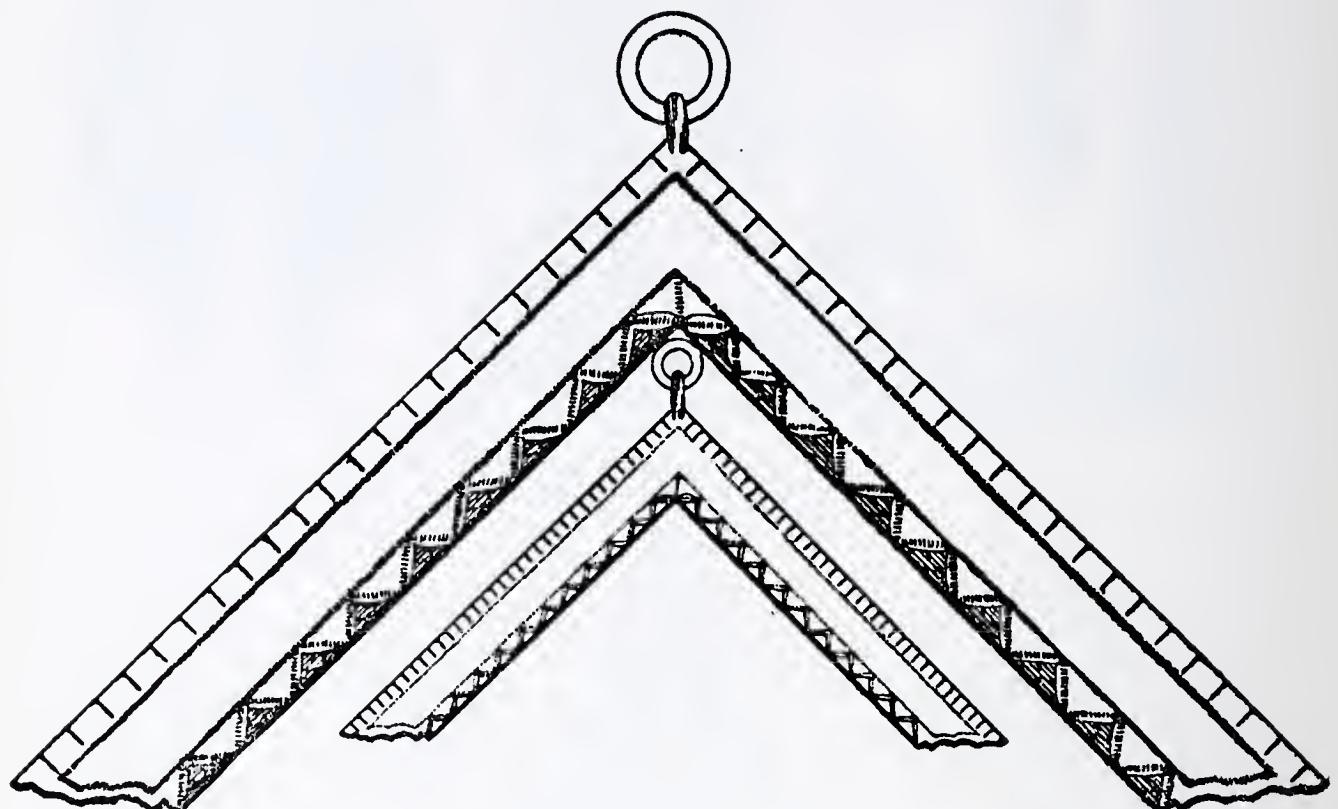
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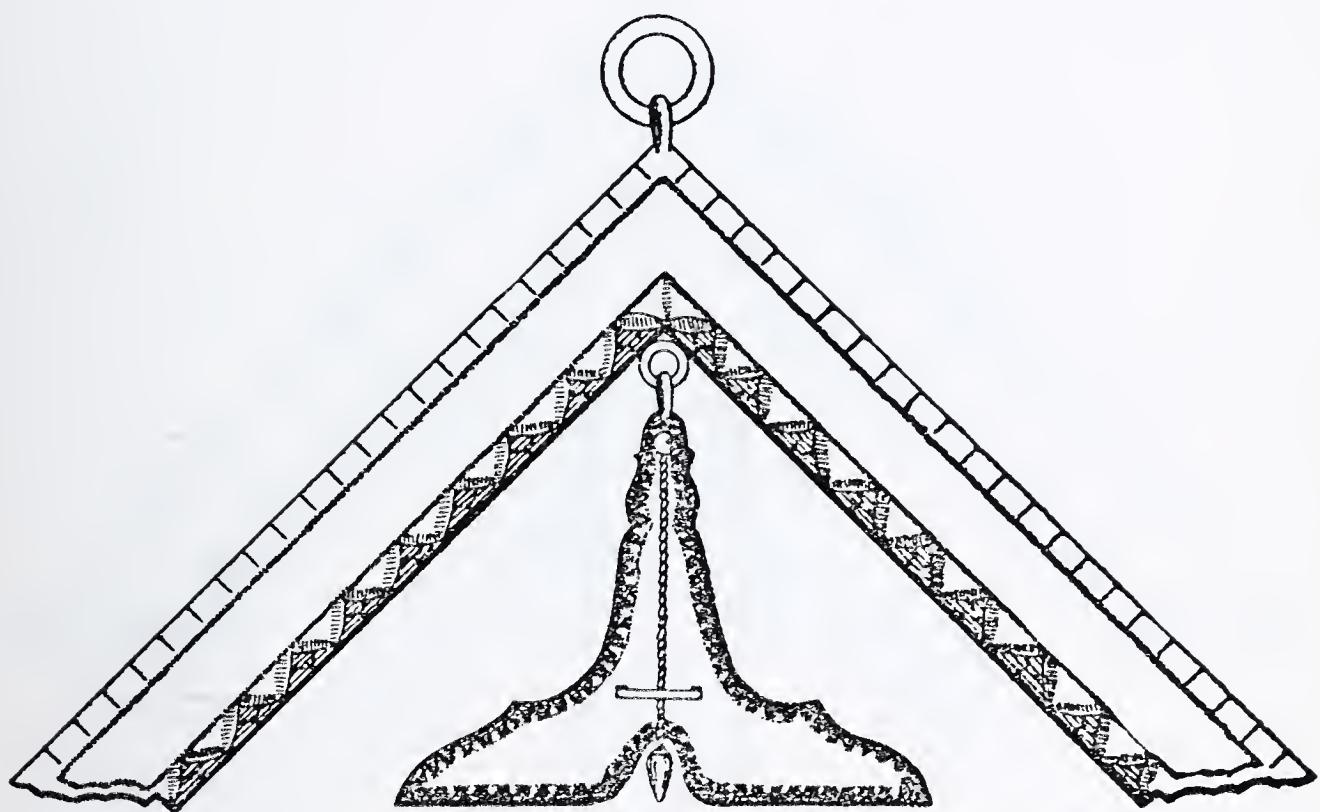
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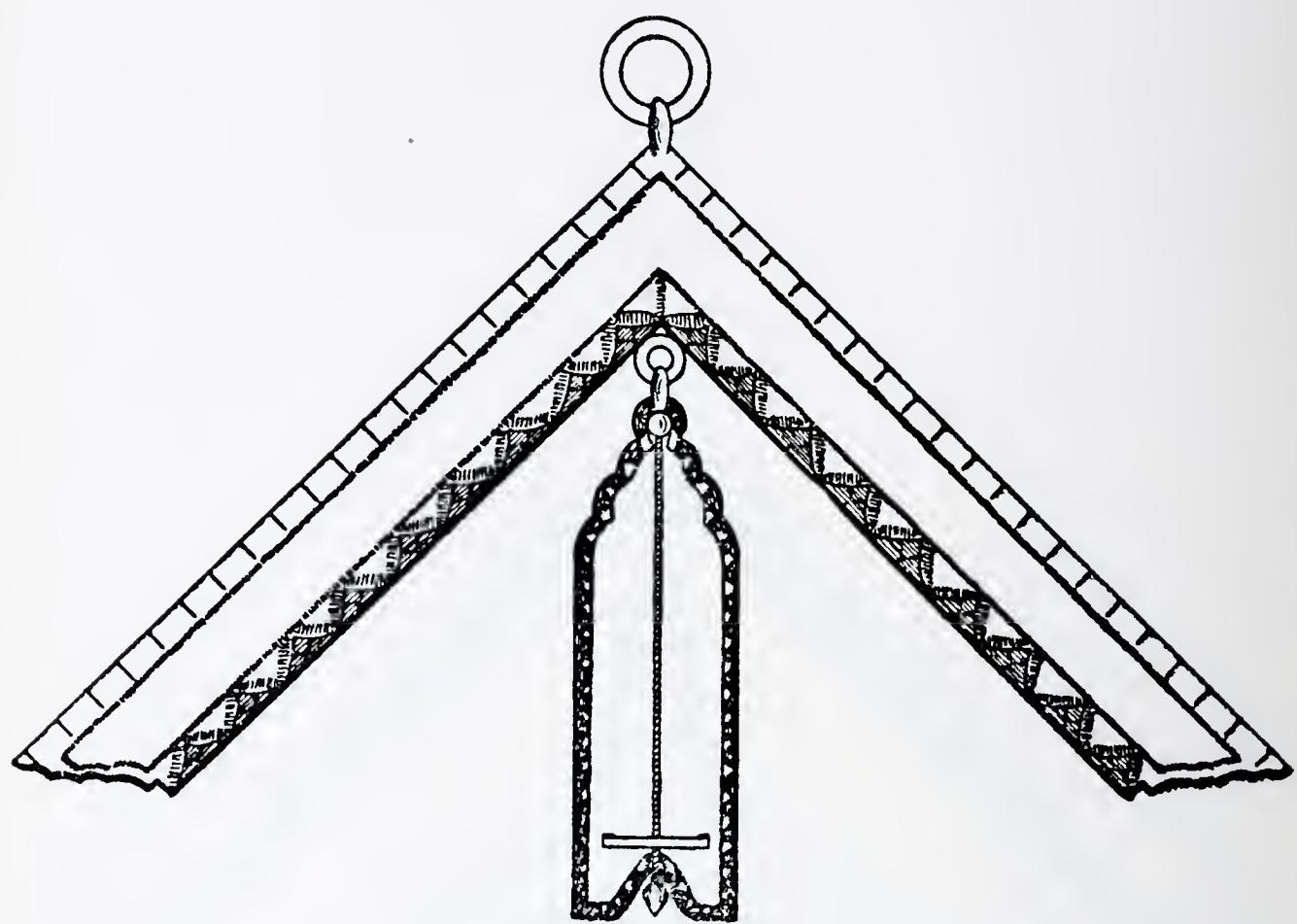
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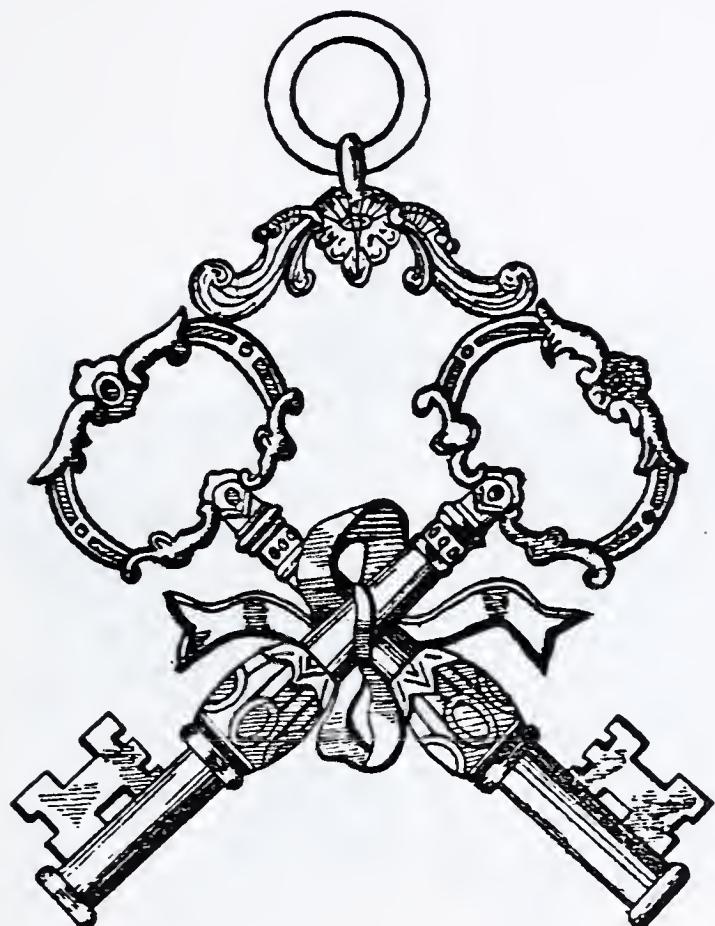
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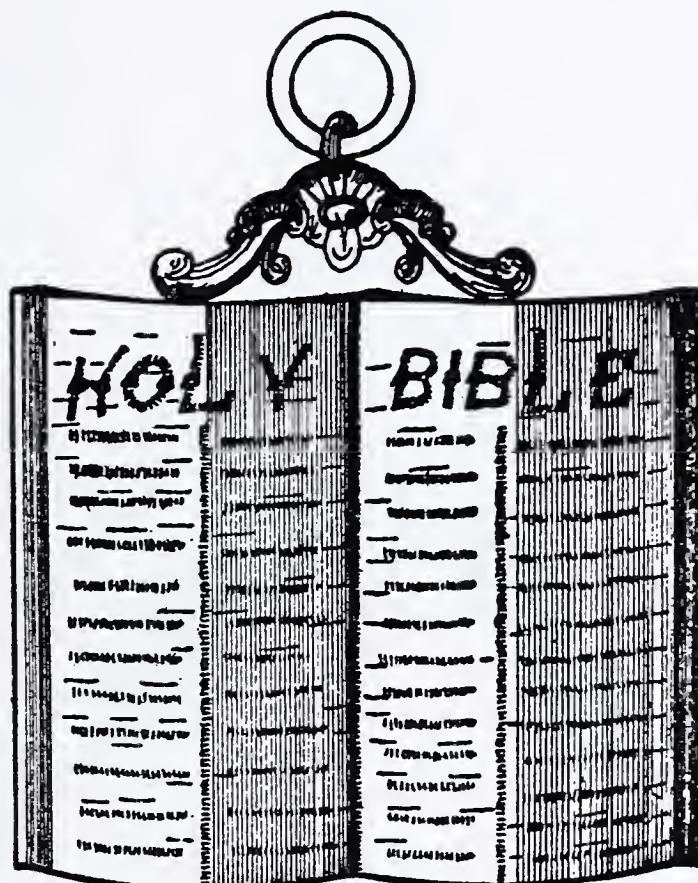
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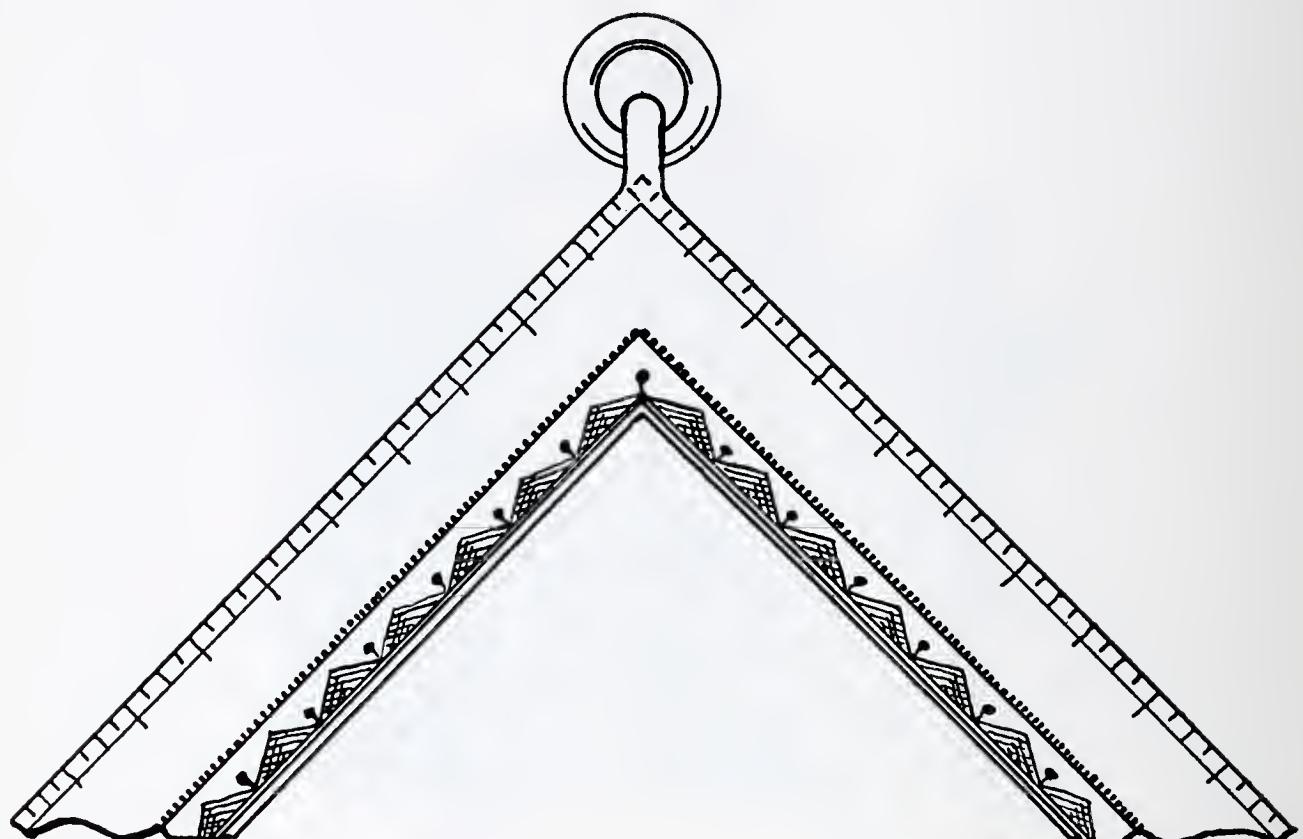
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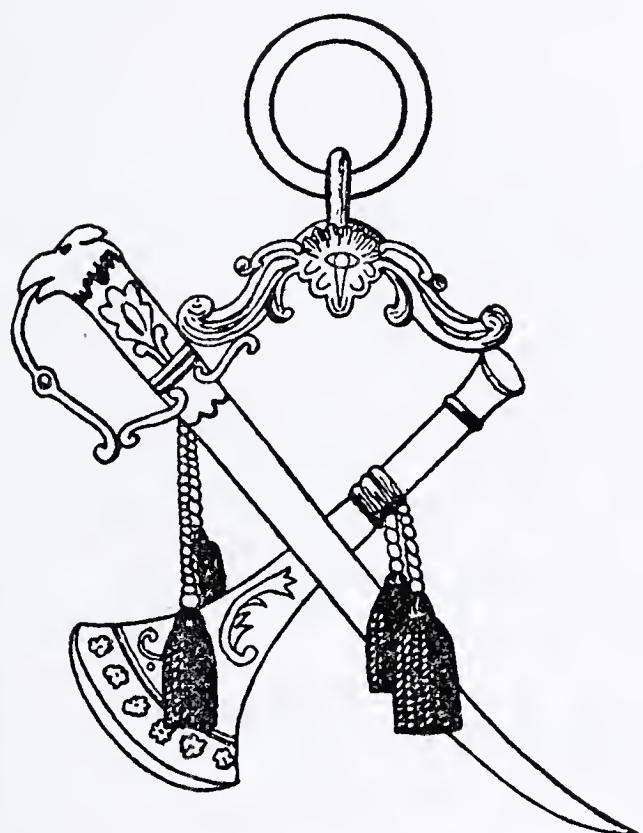
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